

May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Ashton Olsen

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

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*Please read along with all **Bold** text*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of their witness in their own particular situation. They are entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. They in turn, in their own competence, help to guide the church. -The Confession of 1967

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

This is the Day

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Not to us, Lord, not to us—

no, but to your own name give glory

because of your loyal love and faithfulness!

May you be blessed by the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth!

The highest heaven belongs to the Lord,

but God gave the earth to all people.

The dead don't praise the Lord,

nor do those who go down to silence.

But us? We will bless the Lord

from now until forever from now!

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

#81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Surely God is our Salvation. Have faith, and do not be afraid. Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sin.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are unresponsive to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Alleluia, Amen!

*RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You have called us, O God, to you and to this community of faith, call to us once again in the reading of scripture and the proclamation of the gospel that we might hear what you say to us today. In Jesus Christ our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at

the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30 (NRSV)

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#324 For All the Faithful Women

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Gentle Shepherd

Dresie

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those
who have been delivered from death to life".
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us bring the needs of the church and the world to God's loving care, saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayer.

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide and marginalize, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based on trust, equity, and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from crime and violence; guard us all from the perils of addiction and consumerism. Grant us courage to confront white supremacy, transphobia, antisemitism, and all injustices. Give all citizens a new vision of a life of harmony. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen this congregation in our work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise, and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on all who suffer. Support with your love those with incurable and stigmatized diseases, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, and those who are homeless or abandoned. Especially we pray for all those who suffer from COVID19 and its many effects. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain those among us who need your healing touch, especially...

Uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember before you those saints who bore witness to your light...

Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory.

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Larger Print Hymns: Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

Children's Bulletins: Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship comes from Psalm 115.

All other liturgy comes from/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

MUSIC LICENSES

#81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken | TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt. | MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

#324 For All the Faithful Women | TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1975, alt. | MUSIC: Finnish folk melody, adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927 | Text © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press. Used by permission.

#39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness | TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 | MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923 | Text and Music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 15-20, 2022: Pastor Brian will be out of the office. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Christy or a Session member. Our guest preacher on May 15th will be the Rev. Anna Kendig Flores, the Anti-Racism Coordinator of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

Volunteers for Pray and Play: The Faith Formation Committee is seeking individuals who would like to volunteer on a rotational basis during Coffee and Conversation time to supervise our children while they engage in fellowship with each other during Pray & Play. Your responsibility would be to lead the children in a prayer (provided by the Faith Formation Committee) afterward you can choose to supervise the children as they play or unleash your inner child and challenge them to one of the many available games. Please let Christy know if you are interested in becoming part of the Pray & Play team.

How can we pray for you? Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

Susan Schermer

John and Charlotte Collins

George Thole

Dolores Penski

Al DeBellis

Jo Hatcher

Jodie and Jimmy, Lanny and Shirley Taylor's Daughter and Son-in-law.

Janice Sorby

Sharon, Lavina & Larry Pattee's daughter

Mark Lawlor

Julie Bernard, Charlie Wilken's daughter

For the peoples of Ukraine and Russia.

For peace in Ukraine and around the world.

For those with dementia or alzheimers and their caregivers.

For those with COVID 19 and their caregivers.

For all nurses, doctors, and healthcare professionals.

For the Presbytery of the Twin Cities area in the midst of leadership transitions.

For neighboring congregations in the midst of transition.

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81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,




God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.




On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?




With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b



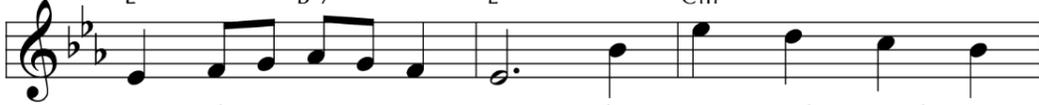
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 E^b B^b7 E^b Cm



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F B^b A^b B^b E^b



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주