

May 1, 2022

Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith

GATHERING MUSIC *Prelude in C* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP written by Thom Shuman

Leader: Here, in this place,
 God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the
doubters:
 here, the worriers and wanderers can call on
God by name.
 Here, in this time, we remember all the ways
God has graced us:
 here, in these moments, we are reminded that
God is with us always!
 Here gather those who are daring enough to
step out of comfort into the unknown:
 here, in this space, we find the courage to speak
"Alleluia!" into every moment.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #389 vss 1-3 *Christ is Alive*

Verse 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Verse 2

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

Verse 3

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

inspired by Acts 9:1-20; written by Sandra Miller

Pastor: God of Forgiveness,
hear now the confession of our sins.

**All: Our greed and our lust for power
create enemies where we should find friends.**

Pastor: We fail to offer comfort and aid
to those who are afraid and beat down
by the burdens of life.

**All: We are as blind and willful as Saul
to the pain and the destruction
of our wrongdoings
and our well-meaning crusades.**

Pastor: Forgive us, merciful One.

**All: Give us sight to see with your eyes,
that we may bring hope and peace to our
world.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: God's anger lasts but a moment,
but God's favor lasts a lifetime.
The Lord forgives our shortcomings
and sends deliverance through Christ,
just as the Lord forgave Saul
and used him to spread the gospel.

All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

SONG OF RESPONSE #389 vss 4-5 *Christ is Alive*

Verse 4

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Sponsor a LWR
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\$50 sponsors a kit; goal of 100 kits!

Great Gift for Mother's Day!

Visit the table in the Gathering Space for
more information.



MISSION MOMENT

Adryana Aldeen, Mariposa Family Learning Center

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING... ROMANS 10:13-17 (NRSV)

Read by: (8:15) Megan Getman, (10:45) Tim Stein

For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING... ACTS 9:1-16 (NRSV)

Read by: Pr. Tom Grevlos

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE vss 1-3 ***Sing Out, Earth and Skies***

Verse 1

Come, O God of all the earth:
come to us, O Righteous One;
come, and bring our love to birth:
in the glory of your Son.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

Verse 2

Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name:
may our lives your love confess.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

Verse 3

Come, O God of flashing light:
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

MESSAGE Pr. Tom Grevlos

MESSAGE SONG #574 vss 1 & 2 *Here I am, Lord*

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

CHRIST HYMN CREED... based on Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by: (8:15) Megan Getman,(10:45) Tim Stein

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
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GENEROSITY MOMENT Summer Ministry Happenings

OFFERING MUSIC

8:15 Choir ***10,000 Reasons***, arr. Lloyd Larson

10:45 Shirley Murray Variations of ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***, arr. Riley

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen
presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising
new life.*

Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;

Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

COMMUNION MUSIC *On Eagle’s Wings*

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING SONG

#715 vss 1-5 ***Christ, Be Our Light***

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

COMMISSIONING

Leader: As Paul was changed by Jesus, so we go forth as changed people. As Paul was called to proclaim the Gospel, so we are called, and we are sent. We already have all we need to proclaim Christ to the world!

All: Thanks be to God...and We Will!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Please pray for Sandy Nielsen, Rodney Varner, Walter DeBill, and Tom Smith.

Please pray for Gabe Collins, grandson of Sharon Collins.

We celebrate the birth of William Paul O'Brien, grandson of Mark and Kathy Gerhardt. We pray for him to grow in faith, hope, and love throughout his life.

We give thanks for the life of Don Gaskin, who now rests in the Easter promise of resurrection. We pray for comfort and peace for Sandy Gaskin, and all of Don's family and friends, including our church family, in the midst of grief.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and all who find themselves in the midst of war, gripped by fear and uncertainty. Send your peace.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

Please pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Preaching Pr. Tom Grevlos

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Altar Care (8:15) Betty and Tom Lueders
(10:45) Diane Peterson

Assisting Minister (8:15) Megan Getman
(10:45) Tim Stein

AV (8:15) Bill Dawson and Dave Wegner
(10:45) Bill and Sara Dawson, Jamie Nichols and
Peter Walsh

Hosts (8:15) Kitt and Glenn Richter
(10:45) Joe and June Spann

Altar Flowers: Given by Mark and Kathy Gerhardt in praise and thanksgiving for our new grandson.

Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations
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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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