

May 22, 2022

Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith



GATHERING MUSIC

***Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* David Cherwien**

CALL TO WORSHIP...PSALM 97 (The Message)

Leader: GOD rules: there's something to shout over!
On the double, main lands and islands—celebrate!
² Bright clouds and storm clouds circle 'round him;
Right and justice anchor his rule.

All: Fire blazes out before him,
Flaming high up the craggy mountains.
⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
Earth, wide-eyed, trembles in fear.
⁵ The mountains take one look at GOD
And melt, melt like wax before earth's Lord.
⁶ The heavens announce that he'll set
everything right,
And everyone will see it happen—glorious!

Leader: All who serve handcrafted gods will be sorry—
And they were so proud of their ragamuffin gods!
On your knees, all you gods—worship him!
And Zion, you listen and take heart!

**All: Daughters of Zion, sing your hearts out:
GOD has done it all, has set everything right.
⁹ You, GOD, are High God of the cosmos,
Far, far higher than any of the gods.**

Leader: GOD loves all who hate evil,
And those who love him he keeps safe,
Snatches them from the grip of the wicked.
¹¹ Light-seeds are planted in the souls of God's people,
Joy-seeds are planted in good heart-soil.

**All: So, God's people, shout praise to GOD,
Give thanks to our Holy God!**

OPENING HYMN #836 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

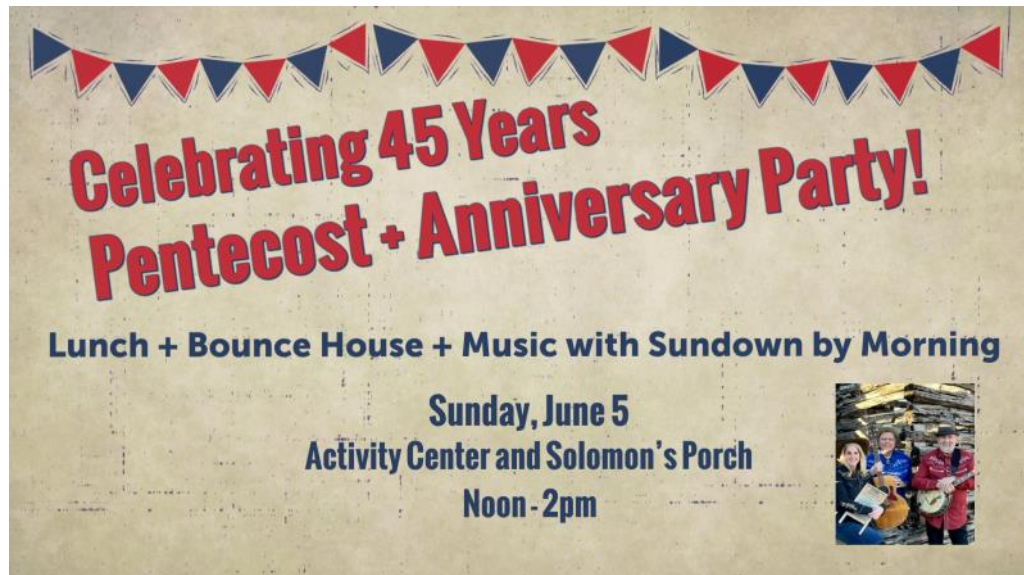
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY



RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES





Evan Starnes
 Graduating Westlake High School
 Attending UT Arlington

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

#543 vss 1 & 3 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
 In my love’s baptismal river
 I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
 here my tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

SCRIPTURE READING... REVELATION 22:1-5 (NRSV)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;

they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE *Holy Spirit Rain Down*

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down;
O Comforter and Friend,
How we need Your touch again;

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down;
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard;
Come and change our hearts
as we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit, rain down.

SCRIPTURE READING... ACTS 9:36-43(NRSV)

Now 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.

At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since 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."

So 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.

Peter 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.

He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG

#452 vss 1, 2, 4, 5 ***Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death***

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

- 2 To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.

- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

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

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746

GENEROSITY MOMENT Time and Talent



OFFERING MUSIC

8:15 Shirley Murray

Variations of "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Riley

10:45 Choir ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** John Rutter

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

For the rest of Easter season, the Chalise on the altar was made by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*. This Sunday we honor
(8:15) Elin Watkins and (10:45) Lillian Murray.

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

8:15 Shirley Murray *On Eagles Wings*

10:45 Bell Ensemble

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING OF OBERAMMERGAU TRAVELERS

Greek Isles and Europe including The Passion Play of Oberammergau

COMMISSIONING HYMN #821 *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

COMMISSIONING

Leader: Let us go now, open our eyes and walk in the light of God's glory.

Let us love Jesus and keep his word.

Do not live in fear but trust in God.

Lead others to taste the living water as we go out to love and serve the Lord...

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

POSTLUDE

Alla Breve

JS Bach

PRAYERS

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

We pray for all graduates who are completing years of study and time invested in their future. We pray for God to bless the next steps of their journeys-- that wherever they go, they may know that God goes before, behind, and beside them.

We pray for all friends and Shepherd of the Hills members traveling to Greece and Germany this week. As they walk in the footsteps of Paul and experience the Passion of Jesus Christ in Oberammergau, Germany, may the inspiration of your Holy Spirit renew faith and grow hearts. We pray for all to stay well and for a safe return.

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.

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

We 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

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Piano (8:15) Shirley Murray

Altar Care (8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald, Elin Watkins;
(10:45) Linda Roesle, Diane Peterson and Lillian Murry

Assisting Minister (8:15) Megan Getman; (10:45) Carole Morgan

Altar Flowers Given by Ruby Cadenhead in loving memory of her sister, Terri Nesby

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

Food For Fellowship Audrey Lunecki and Janice Benzel

Hosts (8:15) Jeri Porter; (10:45) The Calvo Family and Virginia Bosman

Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations Dave Wegner

Creative Media Dabney Gomes

Director of Youth Ministry Joel Timmons

Executive Director Bill Dawson

Financial Officer Kevin Marlow

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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2022 GRADUATES

Ella Seidel, daughter of Denise and Brad Seidel, is graduating from Westlake High School. Ella received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

Evan Starnes, son of Gayle Yenawine and Glenn Starnes, is graduating from Westlake High School and will attend UT Arlington.

Brooke Schmidt, Butterfly Christian Preschool Teacher, is graduating from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with honors.

Joel Timmons, Youth Director at Shepherd of the Hills, is graduating from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity.

Justin Stephens, Contemporary Worship Leader at Shepherd of the Hills, is graduating from Texas State University Round Rock with a Master of Science in Communication Disorders.

Maria Birzer, granddaughter of Elnora and Ken McDonald, is graduating from Hillsdale Academy in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Weston Eastwood, son of DeeDee Eastwood, is graduating from The University of Texas at Dallas with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Cora Lea Jackson, granddaughter of Dee and Robert Jackson, is graduating from the Science and Tech Program of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD, and will attend Vanderbilt University.

Will Johnson, nephew of Clay and Suzanne Johnson, is graduating from Walton School of Business at the University of Arkansas. He will be staying in Fayetteville and going to work for PAM Transport.

Carlee Kernodle, granddaughter of Ronny and Janice Pinckard, is graduating from Marietta College in Marietta with a dual degree in Special Education – Elementary Education.

Katherine Powell, daughter of Ted and Corky Powell, is graduating from the University of Houston Law School.

Matthew Plummer, son of Linda Fiandaca, is graduating from Texas A&M in Mechanical Engineering.

Ally Miller, daughter of Linda and Peter Miller, is graduating from the residency program in Internal Medicine at Legacy Health Portland Oregon. She will then attend Oregon Health and Science University for her fellowship training in Nephrology.

Amanda Swanton, daughter of Sandy and Larry Smith, is graduating from the urology residency program at Dartmouth Hitchcock in New Hampshire. She will be completing a Fellowship in Boston for the next year.

Lucas Vorkoper, grandson of Joan and Bob Vorkoper, is graduating from Mercer Island High School in Washington and will attend Case Western Reserve University.

The 4-Year-Old Class of Butterfly Christian Preschool!