

May 29, 2022

Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith



GATHERING MUSIC Carter Leer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day we gather to sing and to pray;

All: We come before you God, seeking Your peace.

Leader: O God our help in ages past, our hope for years
to come:

**All: Help us to find the path that leads to the
peaceable kingdom.**

Leader: In this time of story, song, and prayer,

**All: May we catch a vision of how the world could
live together in your love. Amen**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Gracious God,

**All: We confess that we have not done all that is
possible to promote peace and justice in our
world. We have not loved our neighbors, let**

alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven through grace that knows no bounds. May we live in the joy of this freedom in Christ.

All: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

#632 VSS 1, 2, 4, 5 ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY



SCRIPTURE READING... REVELATION 22:12-17 (NRSV)

[The angel spoke to John, sharing a message from the Lord, saying,] 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

W&P 127 v 1 *Song Over the Waters*

Refrain

God, you have moved upon the waters,
you have sung in the rush of wind and flame;
and in your love you have called us sons and
daughters:
make us people of the water and your name.

1 Come fill our waiting hearts
with the spirit of Jesus,
let us shine with your light and peace. *Refrain*

GOSPEL READING... JOHN 17:20-26 (NRSV)

[Jesus said,] 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF RESPONSE

W&P 127 v 4 *Song Over the Waters*

Refrain

God, you have moved upon the waters,
you have sung in the rush of wind and flame;
and in your love you have called us sons and daughters:
make us people of the water and your name.

4 Come, open ev'ry heart,
come now and wake us to wonder,
make us vessels of light and peace.

Refrain

MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG W&P 18 *Bind Us Together*

Chorus

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body;
That is why we can sing:

Chorus

Verse 2

You are the fam'ly of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.

Chorus

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



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- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746

GENEROSITY MOMENT

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE W&P 41 *GIVE THANKS*

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

2x

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

2X

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 Chalice on the altar was made by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*. This Sunday we honor Owen Wegner.

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 Carter Leer

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING HYMN

#547 ***Sent Forth by God’s Blessing***

Verse 1

Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face

our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.

With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

COMMISSIONING

Leader: We have received the gifts of God in this place! We have been filled with the love of Jesus through water, bread, wine, and Word. We go out, sent by the Spirit, in unity with one another, to share the Good News that gives life to the world.

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

POSTLUDE Carter Leer

PRAYERS

We pray for Tom Felger, Pam and Jeff Petterson, Sandy Nielsen, Rodney Varner, Tom Smith, Walter and Stacia DeBill,

and Janice Pinckard.

We pray for Beth Getman, mother of Megan Getman.

We pray for the victims of the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde--the 19 children and 2 teachers whose innocent lives were taken in violence. We pray for their families who grieve. We pray for the survivors who witnessed such horror. We pray that you will bring comfort to all who mourn. We pray for our state and national leaders to effect solutions to this tragic pattern. We pray for ourselves, that we may not grow numb to news of violence but rather work to end it and its causes.

We give thanks for teachers, school counselors, administrators, and all staff who live out their vocation in our schools. The past two years have been heavy enough, but this week was crushing. We pray that these servants of our children may know their work makes a difference. Give them good rest over the summer, time to refresh and reconnect with you and loved ones. Grant them your strength and your peace.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we pray for peace and for those who gave all in service to our country. Be with the families who have lost loved ones in war, and lead us toward a world where no one must give their lives in pursuit of freedom.

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 to stay well and for a safe return from Greece and Germany this week. As they walked 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 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

Organist Carter Leer

Altar Care (8:15) Tom and Betty Lueders;

(10:45) Ethel Kunze and Lois Qualben, Owen Wegner

Assisting Minister (8:15) Tim Stein; (10:45) Alana Oehler

AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols and Peter Walsh

Food For Fellowship Bill and Sara Dawson

Hosts (8:15) Jeri Porter; (10:45) Joe and June Spann

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!