



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

Thoughts of Preparation

Here is the Good News: Jesus is not out of his mind; Jesus is not filled with demonic spirits. Rather, Jesus has the mind of God; Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit - and invites all of us to be of the same mind and same Spirit in a new family as his sisters and brothers.

-- David Ewart, holytextures.com

Welcome

Prelude “*My Jesus, I Love Thee*” (Arr. by SOMA)
(Isabella Thoroughman - Flute, Lilyanne Thoroughman - Violin)

Introit

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Unlike earthly kings, you, O Lord, are ever steadfast and faithful. You sent us your Son, Jesus the Christ to show us your realm— not as a tyrant,

All: But to guide us and lead us as a gentle shepherd.

Leader: So we gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,

ALL: With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength!

Leader: We will sing Your praises before all creation,

ALL: And rejoice in Your steadfast love!

Leader: You have created us O Lord, and made us to reflect your very essence!

ALL: In You we become everything You have made us to be!

***Responsive Prayer of Confession**

Leader: We acknowledge Your glory, Light of the World, and we gratefully remember Your saving deeds. But, when the world grows dark and threatening,

ALL: We lose faith and being to despair;

Leader: When our hopes are delayed,

ALL: We grow disappointed and disillusioned;

Leader: When love and truth become hard and painful,

ALL: We choose expediency and self-interest;

Leader: When You seem distant and silent,

ALL: We become faithless and lethargic.

Leader: Chase from our hearts the darkness, the cynicism and the mocking, fill our minds with memories of bloody crosses and empty tombs, fill our ears with echoes of forgiveness, *And fill our lives with reflections of glory.*

ALL: For Jesus' sake. Amen. (Silence is kept)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Holy One, you forgive us and free us—always! You open our eyes to your wisdom, to grasp true leadership is being of service. You open our hearts to learn that neither race nor tribe, culture nor religion, nor any other ways we label each other are legitimate barriers to separate us, but that we are all one family in your love.

ALL: So we open our hearts and minds to learn again to live your love as we celebrate and worship you here together! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**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.**

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 130

I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—my Lord, listen to my voice!

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

If you kept track of sins, Lord— my Lord, who would stand a chance?

But forgiveness is with you—that’s why you are honored.

I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God’s promise.

My whole being waits for my Lord— more than the night watch waits for morning;

yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

Israel, wait for the Lord!

Because faithful love is with the Lord;

because great redemption is with our God!

He is the one who will redeem Israel from all its sin.

Solo

“Give Me Jesus”

(Arr. by Moses Hogan)

(Dobin Park - Solo)

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus.

Oh, when I comes to die,
oh, when I comes to die,
oh, when I comes to die,
give me Jesus.

Scripture Lesson:

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (The Message)

Fed up, all the elders of Israel got together and confronted Samuel at Ramah. They presented their case: “Look, you’re an old man, and your sons aren’t following in your footsteps. Here’s what we want you to do: Appoint a king to rule us, just like everybody else.” When Samuel heard their demand—“Give us a king to rule us!”—he was crushed. How awful! Samuel prayed to God.

God answered Samuel, “Go ahead and do what they’re asking. They are not rejecting you. They’ve rejected me as their King. From the day I brought them out of Egypt until this very day they’ve been behaving like this, leaving me for other gods. And now they’re doing it to you. So let them have their own way. But warn them of what they’re in for. Tell them the way kings operate, just what they’re likely to get from a king.”

So Samuel told them, delivered God’s warning to the people who were asking him to give them a king. He said, “This is the way the kind of king you’re talking about operates. He’ll take your sons and make soldiers of them—chariotry, cavalry, infantry, regimented in battalions and squadrons. He’ll put some to forced labor on his farms, plowing and harvesting, and others to making either weapons of war or chariots in which he can ride in luxury. He’ll put your daughters to work as beauticians and waitresses and cooks. He’ll conscript your best fields, vineyards, and orchards and hand them over to his special friends. He’ll tax your harvests and vintage to support his extensive bureaucracy. Your prize workers and best animals he’ll take for his own use. He’ll lay a tax on your flocks and you’ll end up no better than slaves. The day will come when you will cry in desperation because of this king you so much want for yourselves. But don’t expect God to answer.”

But the people wouldn’t listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We will have a king to rule us! Then we’ll be just like all the other nations. Our king will rule us and lead us and fight our battles.”

Pastoral Prayer

The 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, and 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.

Offertory Invitation

In more ways than we can ever dream or imagine, you, Almighty Creator, have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. So we give you praise and say thank you for all that you has given us. In thanksgiving and praise, bring our gifts before you.

Offertory

“Be Still”

Arr. by Yong-Jin Noh

(Isabella Thoroughman - Flute, Lilyanne Thoroughman - Violin)

Scripture Lesson

Mark 3.20-35

...the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Sermon

“Calibrating your GPS” Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

***Affirmation of Faith:**

(From “A Liturgy for the Foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet, by Rev. John van de Laar)

God made all that is seen and unseen, filling the universe with the Divine life, filling creation with the glory of Holy essence, And filling history with the holy purpose!

ALL: We believe it. We trust God.

God became flesh and revealed the Divine glory in Christ, showing the world the character of God, giving humanity the dignity of God, ending fear’s tyranny through incomparable love Divine.

ALL: We believe it. We trust God.

The Creator continues to work in the world by the Holy Spirit, flooding the earth with the Presence of God, teaching Christ's followers the truth of God, drawing all people into the family of God,

ALL: We believe it and we proclaim it. Hallelujah!

Celebrating God’s Word in Sacrament

*Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. We believe in an OPEN Table.
ALL persons who look to Jesus Christ as savior, guide, master, teacher, or friend
are encouraged to participate in the Sacrament.*

***Invitation**

People of God, do you feel the movement of the Holy Spirit?

ALL: Our hearts have been broken open to receive the grace of God.

People of God, what do you hear?

ALL: We hear Christ calling us to follow and to be faithful.

People of God, will you renew your lives in the word of God at this table?

ALL: We will, with thanksgiving and praise; and we will sing the song of God. Praise be to God!

ALL: Praise be to Christ! Praise to the dancing, embracing Spirit!

Eucharistic Prayer – Recollection – Consecration

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity as God's people and our oneness in Christ. We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize that each of us individually stands in unique, intimate relationship with God, responsible for our own discipleship.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

We thank You, Lord, for re-igniting the flame of hope within us, for filling us with light, and evicting falsehood and rival claims for our hearts, and also for giving a new vision of Your glory.

Hymn #508 *“Lead On, O King Eternal”* (Lancashire)

Benediction

Postlude *“Festive Trumpet Tune”* (David German)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher
Liturgist: Tom Williams
Organist: Michael Sullivan
Choral Director: Dobin Park

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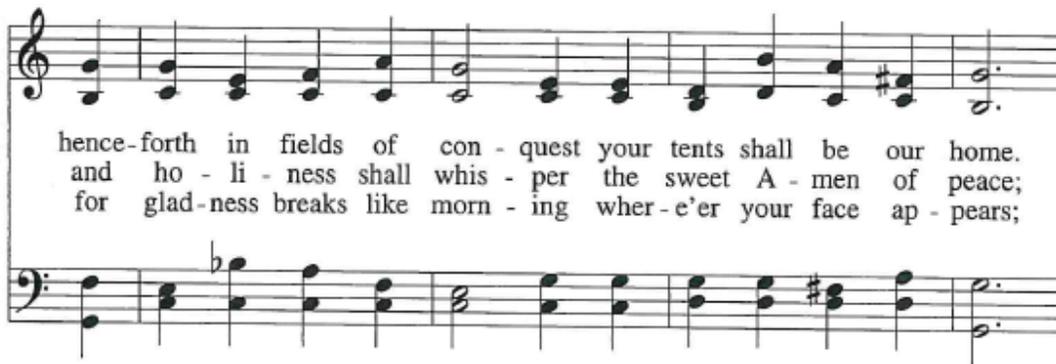
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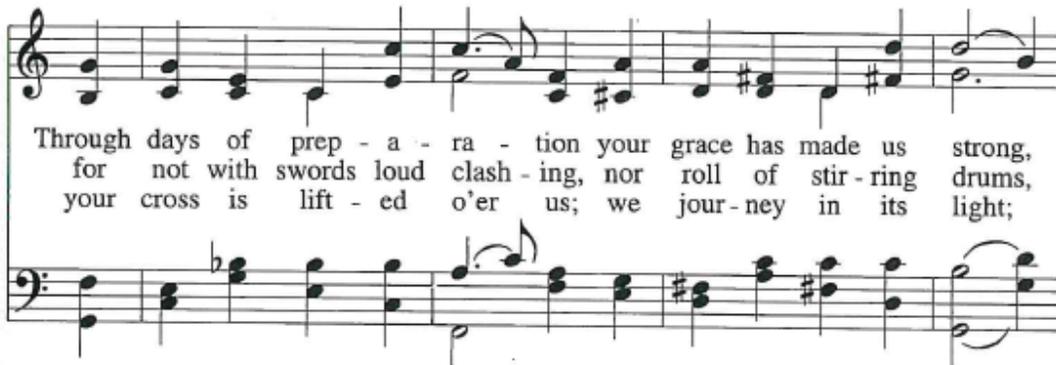
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1 Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet A - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King E - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest: lead on, O God of might.

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