



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*  
*August 21, 2022*

### Thoughts of Preparation

Jesus consistently ignored or even denied exclusionary, punitive, and triumphalist texts in his own inspired Hebrew Bible in favor of passages that emphasized inclusion, mercy, and honesty...He read the Scriptures in a spiritual, selective, and questioning way. Jesus had a deeper and wider eye that knew which passages were creating a path for God and which passages were merely cultural, self-serving, and legalistic additions. – *Richard Rohr*

The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to holiness in time. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world.

– *Abraham Joshua Heschel,*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*“This is My Father’s World” (Arr. By Jeff Nelson)  
Dobin Park - Piano*

## Tower Bell

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

While around us the song of fear calls us to march to the tune of self-protection,

**we choose to dance to the rhythms of life;**

While around us the music of greed entices us to join its frenzied drivenness,

**we choose to dance to the rhythms of life;**

While around us the drums of fashion seek to beat us into conformity and desire,

**we choose to dance to the rhythms of life;**

While around us so many are crippled by a Sabbath-less existence, are in bondage to the devils that drive our world,

**we praise you, God, for your healing touch,**  
for Sabbath-rest and Sabbath-inspired work,

**for daily manna and the freedom of sharing,**  
for joyful “enough-ness” and comfortable justice.

**May we learn to dance to your Sabbath-rhythms, a little more  
each day,**  
and may our dancing bring healing and freedom to all those who receive  
our invitation to join us in the rhythms of life. Amen.

**\*Unison Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

**How frightened we are by Sabbath, Jesus; how afraid that if we  
stop, we’ll fall behind, we’ll have less than we want, we’ll lose out to  
those who don’t stop; how driven we are to protect ourselves, to  
hoard what we can get, to rise above the crowd; and how wounded  
we and our world have become because we have forsaken the  
wisdom of Sabbath. Teach us again how to be Sabbath People,  
Jesus; how to trust you for our daily bread, how to resist the urge to  
accumulate and hoard, how to defy the pressure to have more, be  
more, do more.**

**Teach us to dance to the rhythms of your reign, Jesus; to work  
meaningfully and rest peacefully, to enjoy shamelessly and share  
generously, to love abundantly and include indiscriminately; Teach  
us that the small, daily Sabbath-choices we make to trade fairly and  
consume responsibly, to treat all others with dignity and respect,  
liberate us all from the crippling weight of greed and fear, and heal  
those whose lives are bent and broken from Sabbathlessness. Amen.**  
*(Silence is kept)*

**\*Words of Assurance**

Living God, you formed us in the womb and appointed us to be prophets  
to the nations. Stretch out your hand to cure our infirmity and dispel our  
fear,

**that we may know the freedom of serving you in Christ and  
proclaim the wonders you have done. 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 – Isaiah 58:9-14** [New Revised Standard Version  
Updated Edition]

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Gathering Together in Prayer**

**Prayer Concerns – Silent Prayer – 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Offertory Invitation**

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.” [Ephesians 5:2]

## **Offertory**

*“As the Deer”*

*(arr. Buryl Red)*

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.

For you alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.

## **Scripture Lesson – Luke 13:10-17** [New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition]

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.”

But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

## **Sermon**

Well...Then WHEN?? Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

## **Hymn #589**

*“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”*

*(Maryton)*

*(see last page)*

## **\*Benediction**

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have been received – give.

As you have heard – proclaim.

And the blessing which you have received  
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit  
be always with you. Amen.

**Postlude**

*“Finale”*

*(Andrew Moore)*

### **Today’s Worship Leaders:**

Preaching Today: Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Rose Wendling

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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with filming and to Dobin Park for film editing.

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Today’s Call to Worship is from the Rev. John van de Laar and his worship/liturgy site

Sacredise [[sacredise.com/rhythms-of-life/](http://sacredise.com/rhythms-of-life/)]. The Confession is from the same source

[[sacredise.com/sabbath-people](http://sacredise.com/sabbath-people)]. The Offertory Dedication is from the Vanderbilt University Revised

Common Lectionary site [[lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers)]. And the Benediction was written by

Rev. Daniel B. Randall, and posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways

[[www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways](http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways)].

# 589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;  
3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,

tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;  
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

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