

Worship Bulletin for Sunday, May 9, 2021

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude/ Call to Worship *Testify to Love* by Dani Lemieux

All the colors of the rainbow
All the voices of the wind
Ev'ry dream that reaches out
That reaches out to find where love begins
Ev'ry word of ev'ry story
Ev'ry star in ev'ry sky
Ev'ry corner of creation
Lives to testify

For as long as I shall live
I will testify to love
I'll be a witness in the silences
When words are not enough
With ev'ry breath I take
I will give thanks to God above
For as long as I shall live
I will testify to love.

From the mountains to the valleys,
from the rivers to the sea
Every hand that reaches out,
Every hand that reaches out to offer peace
Every simple act of mercy
Every step to kingdom come
All the hope of ev'ry heart will
speak what love has done.

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I will testify to love
I'll be a witness in the silences
When words are not enough
With ev'ry breath I take
I will give thanks to God above
For as long as I shall live
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I'll be a witness in the silences
When words are not enough
With ev'ry breath I take
I will give thanks to God above
For as long as I shall live
I will testify to love. I will testify to love.
I will testify to love.

Resurrection Acclamation
P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Tree of Life Liturgy

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Mercy on us all.**

**L: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord**

**C: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Mercy on us all.**

**L: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
Word, let us pray to the Lord.**

**C: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Mercy on us all.**

**L: Help save and defend us,
O Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast Tree of Life Liturgy

Refrain

**This is the feast, this is the feast,
this is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. (*Refrain*)**

**2 Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing, honor, glory and might
to God and the Lamb forever and ever. (*Refrain*)**

**3 For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Amen. (*Refrain*)**

Prayer of the Day

WL: Let us pray,

C: Lord of justification,

**With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our
own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us full access to the
glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind,
for the sake of our redeeming Christ. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

First Lesson: **Galatians 1: 13-17, 2: 11-21**

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

Tree of Life

**Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go?
For you have the words, you have the words,
the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 18: 9-14**

(Before) C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon by Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith (ELW #635)

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:**
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.**
- 5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.**

Confession of Faith..... Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our Prayer.**

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Offertory

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Music

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (ELW #774)

**1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

**3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

Great Thanksgiving

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; 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.

Distribution

Lamb of God (Tree of Life Liturgy)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
(Repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us your peace.
Grant us your peace.**

Post Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

Blessing

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

Sending

P: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news that Christ has risen!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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