

## **Park and Praise Worship! September 13, 2020**

### **Gods Work Our Hands**

This Sunday, September 13, worship will rise in songs of praise from the open spaces of parking lot and field at Resurrection.

The ELCA has designated September 13, 2020 as God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) Day. Social Ministry has determined that RLC's 2020 God's Work Our Hands project will be "feeding the Hungry". Our goal is to raise \$2,020. Remember to bring your contribution to RLC with a designation "GWOH" or you can make a one-time gift through your Tithely account also designated "GWOH" by September 14, 2020. If you are donating cash (not a check) please make sure to place it in an envelope marked as "GWOH"

**Households attending in their family vehicles are encouraged to bring their own elements for communion, such as bread and juice or water,** in order to share in communion as we have been doing from our homes.

If you are joining us outside for drive-in worship this weekend, please recognize and follow appropriate social distancing protocols, being mindful of your spacing near congregants not from your own household.

If you choose to sit outside of your car, please place your chairs or blankets at the front of your vehicle and remain in that area until the offering. There will be four collection stations positioned among the rows for deposit of your offering. Ushers will direct you toward the stations in order to reduce crowding. Please wear a mask when you are near other people.

For households worshipping from home, we rejoice to worship together with you as always. Please partake of the body and blood of Christ in the forms of bread and wine or juice. We are together in the Body of Christ, by God's loving Spirit, even when we are not present with another in our own flesh.

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday

September 13, 2020

Liturgist

N/A

Accompanist

Praise Band

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Gathering

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song:** *This Little Light of Mine*

**Call to Worship:** *We Are Called*

We are called, we are claimed, we are loved, by the holy name. We are healed, we are whole, the Savior ransomed our souls and we're singing

Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh Glory Glory Glory  
Hallelujah Glory Gloria

We are here to proclaim, God is here, calls us each by name. We are here, to give praise, the Love of God will not change and we're singing.

Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh Glory Glory Glory  
Hallelujah Glory Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

**Confession of Sin**

P: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us approach the Lord with reverence and awe and present repentant hearts. (*listen for the sound of repentant heartbeats*)

God...

**C: our sins are fully in your view  
yet you do not punish as we deserve.**

**We are foolish to think that you don't notice.**

**We are blind to miss your steadfast love.**

**We are ungratefully living without regard to forgiveness.**

**Still when we are wronged, we seek vengeance,  
even from you.**

**We are heartless with our double standards.**

**We are ruthless with our retribution.**

**We are ridiculous to think you don't care**

**Again forgive us Lord for the sins we name.**

**Save us Lord from the sins we hide.** *(pause for reflection and self-examination)*

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, or repay us in proportion to our iniquities. God's loving ways are so great and good that they astound us. Love sends our Savior. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord our sins are forgiven. By the power of the Holy Spirit we may come to understand and live in that mercy, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Song of Mercy**

**Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness  
that sees beyond our blindness.**

**Mercy, oh mercy,  
we're calling on you Lord  
for us to be restored.**

**Oh mercy.**

I know I hurt you  
with things I do and say.  
I want to love you  
but I lose my way.  
Anger and hatred  
speak too loud on earth,  
stealing the sacred,  
tearing at our worth.

**Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness  
that sees beyond our blindness.**

**Mercy, oh mercy,  
we're calling on you Lord  
for us to be restored.**

**Oh mercy.**

Sunset brings darkness,  
a chance to rest our hearts.  
Sunrise brings daylight  
and a brand new start.

**Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness  
that sees beyond our blindness.**

**Mercy, oh mercy,  
we're calling on you Lord  
for us to be restored.**

**Oh mercy.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Genesis 50: 15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **READING: Romans 14: 1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end

Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Verse**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle,  
halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35**

The Holy Gospel according Matthew the 18th chapter. **Glory,  
to you, O Lord**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

<sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported

to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Grace Heimerdinger-Baake**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Heidi Williams**

**Special Music: *Change*** by Tracy Chapman

**Pastor Heidi**

**Entry to Sunday School and Confirmation Milestone and  
Distribution/Blessing of Bibles**

**Prayers of the church**

Liturgy of the Meal

*During this season of online worship, we ask you to bring your gifts and offerings to your gathering table at home in the same way as in worship in the church, before sending them on to the church.*

Offering: *I'll Do My Best*

Love, I'll love, I'll love you, Lord forever

Love, I'll love, I'll love you, Lord forever

I'll do my best

I'll do my best

Oh

I'll do my best for you

Oh, oh, oh

I'll do my best

I'll do my best

Oh

I'll do my best for you

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **Eucharist Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## **Communion**

*If you are communing from home, offer each other the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine with "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

## **Communion Song:** *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*Sending*

## **Sending Hymn:** *Go Now*

Verses 1, 3

Filled with the Holy Spirit  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Into the world as a servant  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God  
Waters of mercy have found us  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Grace on the journey surrounds us  
Go now with God, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God  
Go now, go now, go now with God

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Hebrews 10:23-25*

### **Monday, September 14**

Psalm 133

Genesis 48: 8-22

Hebrews 11: 23-29

### **Tuesday, September 15**

Psalm 133

Genesis 49: 29 – 50: 14

Romans 14: 13 – 15: 2

### **Wednesday, September 16**

Psalm 133

Genesis 50: 22-26

Mark 11: 20-25

### **Thursday, September 17**

Psalm 145: 1-8

Nahum 1: 1, 14 – 2:2

2 Corinthians 13: 1-4

### **Friday, September 18**

Psalm 145: 1-8

Nahum 2: 3-13

2 Corinthians 13: 5-10

### **Saturday, September 19**

Psalm 145: 1-8

Zephaniah 2: 13-15

Matthew 19: 23-30

### **Sunday, September 20**

Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11

Psalm 145: 1-8

Philippians 1: 21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

We encourage our members to take appropriate steps to protect their health and prevent the spread of any illness:

- Cover your nose and mouth with tissues when you cough or sneeze and then place, don't throw, the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also effective.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to protect yourself from infection.
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