

Worship – June 28, 2020

Prelude

God Gathers His People

Welcome

God Greet Us

We Greet Each Other

Call to Worship

Opening Songs – Come, Christians, Join to Sing (LUYH #599)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Christians, join to sing,
alleluia, amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;
alleluia, amen!

Let all with heart and voice
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
alleluia, amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high;
alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
alleluia, amen!

Christ is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end;
alleluia, amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again;
alleluia, amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
alleluia, amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
alleluia, amen!

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (LUYH #610, 2x)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift your name on high!

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We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Bible Reading – Matthew 25:14-20

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Message: ***Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness – Reliable Relationships in Disposable Culture***

Prayer

We Respond to God’s Word

Song of Response – Great is Thy Faithfulness (PsH #556)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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Announcements

Prayer of the People

Offering – Christian Education Fund

Offering – Fruit of the Spirit

Fruit of the Spirit

My heart is a garden grown wild
Father come tend to Your child
As I yield to You do what You do
Lord sow Your Spirit in me

Let there be love (love) joy (joy)
Peace patience and kindness
Goodness faithfulness
Gentleness and self-control

Let there be love (love) joy (joy)
Peace patience and kindness
Goodness faithfulness
Gentleness and self-control

Others need Jesus today
Oh may my life point the way
As I yield to You do what You do
Lord show Your Spirit in me

I am a branch in the vine
Your careful pruning takes time
As I yield to You do what You do
Lord grow Your Spirit in me

Let there be love (love) joy (joy)
Peace patience and kindness
Goodness faithfulness
Gentleness and self-control

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Communion

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.
—based on Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Memorial Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Living God, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we share your heavenly meal; nourish us with your grace so that we are strengthened to do your work in this world; unite us with you so that we are renewed; and join us with your covenant people throughout time and space so that all divisions will be healed. May we gratefully and joyfully remember that Jesus, our Savior, lived, died, and rose to give us new life and make us new creations in him. May we live in the hope we discover through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Preparing the Bread and Cup

We celebrate this feast in obedience to Christ's example and mandate.

[as the minister breaks the bread]

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

[as the minister lifts or pours the cup]

In the same way he took the cup, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord
until he comes.

—based on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Communion

Invitation

Hear the words of our Savior:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Come, then, for all is ready.

**We come not because we ought, but because we may,
not because we are righteous, but because we are penitent,
not because we are strong, but because we are weak,
not because we are whole, but because we are broken.**

—based on Matthew 11:28-29

Communion Hymn – There Is a Redeemer (LUYH #833)

There is a Redeemer

1 There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank you O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till
the work on earth is done.

Thank you O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till
the work on earth is done.

3 When I stand in glory
I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain.

Thank you O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till
the work on earth is done.

Distribution

[as the bread is shared]

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Thanks be to God.

[as the cup is shared]

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

—Psalm 103:1-4, NIV

Prayer

We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

God Sends Us with His Blessing

Blessing

Sending Song – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (LUYH #730)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light;

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world;

the star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all;

the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God;

shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God;

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all;

the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God;

shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ;

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all;

the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God;

shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.