

Sunday, October 24, 2021

**We'd like to thank all who are joining us virtually on YouTube, Facebook, or our website. We welcome our radio audience on WCBC where this service will air next week at 9 a.m. We also welcome those joining us in the Parking lot via 92.3 FM.**

Welcome to worship.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday School for all ages. Join us for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. [Register your kids here](#). Download the [Parent Cue](#) app for more involvement. High School class is now available on Sunday morning. Join the youth on Sunday evening @ 6:30.
- October Mission Project – [Operation Christmas Child](#) Help cover mailing costs to send Shoeboxes overseas, \$9. You can give online.
- November Mission Project – Thanksgiving Meal Baskets. Help provide a special meal for our neighbors who would not otherwise be able to celebrate, \$35.
- Local mission opportunity: [Maryland Poor People's Campaign: Western Region](#). Join us!
- Red Cross Blood Drive – November 11, 1:30-7:00 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church.
- If you would like a “Just Be Kind” lawn sign (\$10), or a daily devotional book (free), please call the church office and request it.

Questions? Call the church office (301) 722-6800.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

34:2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

34:4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

34:5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

34:6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

34:7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

34:20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

34:21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

34:22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### **PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Your grace is near, O God, for you are the God of the storm. You wait in silence for us until we are open to you. Tune us to hear your voice, to face your silence without fear. Speak and bring to us our Savior, Jesus Christ, to giver of your peace. In the name of this one whom we know as the world's Savior, we pray. Amen.

Jann C. Weaver, in *Flames of Spirit: Resources for Worship*, Ruth Duck, ed, Pilgrim Press, 1985, 49.

**\*OPENING HYMN** From All That Dwell Below the Skies vv. 1, 2, 4

*Verse 1*

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land by every tongue

*Verse 2*

In every land begin the song  
To every land the strains belong  
In cheerful sounds all voices raise  
And fill the world with loudest praise

*Verse 4*

Eternal are thy mercies Lord  
Eternal truths attend thy word  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more

### **LITURGIST OR PASTOR) SCRIPTURE READING**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

42:1 Then Job answered the LORD:

42:2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

42:3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore, I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

42:4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'

42:5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

42:6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

42:10 And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

42:11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

42:12 The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.

42:13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

42:14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

42:15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

42:16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations.

42:17 And Job died, old and full of days.

**SERMON** – Rev. Frankie Revell

### **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Heavenly Father, like Job, when we ask for your presence and intervention, we will end up on knees, astounded at your greatness, and humbled by our own unworthiness. Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Holy Spirit, when we tearfully share our hopes and dreams with you, you promise a harvest of joy. Fill us with expectations of your goodness. Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Lord Jesus Christ, high priest and intercessor for our sins, help us live as your children, trusting that we are also children of the Heavenly Father. Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Lord Jesus, healer of Bartimaeus' blindness, help us see you in this world active in love, and help us see you by our side, so we may walk your way without stumbling. Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Lord Jesus, Great Physician, hear now the names of those we know who need your healing \_\_\_\_\_. Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

The love of God has won. The new life has begun. Amen.

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## **PRAYER QUILTS**

### **(LITURGIST OR PASTOR) OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Extravagantly Generous God, there is nothing we have, there is nothing we require, there is nothing we long for that does not pale when placed beside the relationship you've offered to us. As we bring our gifts to you, remind us of the covenant you put before Israel: "If they will be my people I will be their God." Receive what we give in gratitude for your invitation, and help us be your people, reflected in our love for you and for all your children. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who gave all there was to give for us. Amen. (Job 42:1-6, 10-17)

### **\*CLOSING HYMN** – Healer of Our Every Ill (vv. 1, 3)

*Refrain:*

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

*Verse 1*

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

*Verse 3*

Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

### **(LITURGIST OR PASTOR) \*BENEDICTION**

God of Resurrection, we long for the day when your righteousness will be at home. Our hearts are weary from hearing stories of suffering and pain. Yet, we do not despair. As people of hope, we remember that Jesus did not abandon the cross but took on the sting of death. It is the empty tomb that reminds us that death, evil, and sin do not have the last word. Rather, the empty grave has the last word. Your love prevails. Give us the eyes to see and the words to share about your goodness. Amen.

### **\*POSTLUDE**

### **\*DISMISSAL**