

# Contemporary Worship

September 24, 2023

*Time after Pentecost*

*Lectionary 25*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Because of Your Love – Brown/Baloche*

*As we come into Your presence, we remember every blessing  
That You've poured out so freely from above.  
Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing,  
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done.*

*Because of Your love, we're forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean.  
We lift You up with songs of freedom,  
Forever we're changed because of Your love.*

*As we come into Your presence, we will lift our hands to praise You  
We are lost without the gift of Your great love.  
Singing joyful hallelujahs for Your mercy never ending  
Lord we've come to give You thanks for who You are.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER \*

*A \* in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

## SONG \*

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Verse 1: Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

*Chorus:* Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Verse 2: Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's "all as it should be", blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

*Chorus:* Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Bridge: You give and take away. You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name...*chorus*

*"Blessed Be Your Name" words and music by Matt and Beth Redman*

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## **GOSPEL LESSON \***

Matthew 20:1-16

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

### SONG \*

*That Priceless Grace*  
Hymnal #591

Verse 1: That priceless grace, that priceless grace,  
that priceless grace, which gave me life:  
Jesus' life is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

Verse 2: That priceless blood, that priceless blood,  
that priceless blood was shed for me:  
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

Verse 3: That painful death, that painful death,  
that painful death took sins away:  
Jesus' death is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

Verse 4: That precious word, that precious word,  
that precious word, which brought me light:  
Jesus' word is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

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*Music: Ghanaian Traditional*

### PRAYERS \*

*The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Merciful God,"*

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ."*

**Assembly: Amen.**

## OFFERING

*Hallelujah, Your Love Is Amazing – Brown/Doerksen*

*As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.*

*Offering plates are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.*



*Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me.  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.*

*Your love is surprising. I can feel it rising.  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me.  
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through,  
And I can feel this God song rising up in me.*

## CONFESSION \*

Leader: O God,

Assembly: **your love and forgiveness are yours alone to give.**

**Help us to not judge others, but to be mindful of our own actions  
and unworthiness of your great love.**

**Forgive us of our sins and help us to be your faithful servants. Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS \*

## 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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.*

*We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.*

*You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.*

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available  
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets  
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of  
the cups and packaging after the service.*

*Paper bags for the disposal of cups and packaging are available on the communion rail.*

*"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

Communion Server:    The body of Christ, given for you.  
                                  The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

## **God Is So Good**

Verse 1:    God is so good, God is so good,  
                  God is so good, He's so good to me.

Verse 2:    He cares for me, He cares for me,  
                  He cares for me, He's so good to me.

Verse 3:    I'll do His will, I'll do His will,  
                  I'll do His will, He's so good to me.

Verse 4:    He loves me so, He Loves me so,  
                  He loves me so, He's so good to me.

Verse 5:    He answers prayer, He answers prayer,  
                  He answers prayer, He's so good to me.

Verse 6:    He is my Lord, He is my Lord,  
                  He is my Lord, He's so good to me.

*Text: Unknown*

*Music: African Melody*

*Arr.: All God's People Sing!*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: **Amen.**

## BLESSING \*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Assembly: **Amen.**

## SONG \*

*As We Go*

As we go, may Your Spirit go before us.  
As we go, may we follow where You lead.  
May we live what we have learned,  
Share the message we have heard,  
And be a light unto the world as we go.

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## DISMISSAL \*

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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## FLOWER DEDICATION:

*The altar flowers are given by in loving memory of our parents by Vic and Margaret Hahn.*

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