

Sunday
Sept. 27, 2020
9:30am
Online Worship
10:00am
Outdoor Worship



**Nothing Is Impossible:
A Fall of Faith,
Blessings
& Hope**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

"Change My Heart, O God"

ELW 801

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.... God of Love,

giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

REFLECTION

Pastor Krista Zimmermann

GOSPEL SONG

"Salt & Light"

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 to the dead.
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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(10am Outdoor Worship Only)*

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.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you, May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face,

May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again.....

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"You Shine Through"

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SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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SALT & LIGHT

Verse 1

Oh the beauty of the King
You make righteous those who seek
You have written and redeemed my story

Chorus

Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around
Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name
Let my life be a song revealing who You are
For You are salt and light

Verse 2

Oh the love that set me free
You bring hope to those in need
You have written and redeemed my story

Bridge

You are love's great height
You are deep and wide
A consuming fire
You are salt and light
You are love's great height
You are deep and wide
A consuming fire

Ending

You are salt and light
For You are salt and light
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YOU SHINE THROUGH

Verse 1

You shine brighter when we're broken
With our hearts stretched out upon the floor
In our weakness and our failures
Your light shines beauty to this world

Pre-Chorus

From our broken hearts we're crying out

Chorus

Through the cracks in all of us
Through the fractures and our dust
You shine through You shine through
In the darkness You're the dawn
Blazing like the morning sun
You shine through You shine through

Verse 2

No our sin will not define us
For Your cross it speaks the final word
Guilt and shame are now behind us
And You are making us brand new

Pre-Chorus

From our broken hearts we're crying out
From our deepest scars we're singing out

Ending

You shine through us
You shine through us
You shine through O God
Amen

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You welcome us O God, when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through worshipping you....Continue to nurture our faith and help us grow with questions, ideas, and hope in Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The vastness of the heavens shows us the enormity of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. We continue to hold all those devastated by the wildfires on the west coast in prayer and all those struggling to recover from devastating storms, rain and natural disasters. We look to you O God, for healing and renewal for our world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations, O God. Speak kindness to the worlds bitter grudges, wars and disagreements. Settle our hearts when we want to even the field with violence, whether it is abroad or right here at home on our streets. Be with our government, our communities and our leaders. Give them patience, knowledge and wisdom in these challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand O God and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the voices of all who call out to you in distress and satisfy their deepest needs and prayers. Bring wholeness and healing to those who struggle in body, heart, soul, and mind (especially Barb, Toni, Carol, Terry, Jeanine, Jenny, Dee, Joyce, Mark, Adele, Bill, Betty, Don, Sandy, Earl, Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie and Shirley.) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive O God. Remind us that you call us to love our neighbor, seek justice and find peace. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and help us to have faithful conversations even when we may not see eye to eye with each other. Make this congregation and its people a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die O God, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, and for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**