



## Nothing Is Impossible:

*A Time of Faith, Blessings & Hope*

**November 15, 2020**

**9:30am Worship Online - 10:00am Drive-In Worship**

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**God's love endures forever!**

God is leading us out of our wilderness.

**God will provide a safe haven for us.**

Place your trust in God's loving kindness.

**God has heard our cries and offers us hope.**

God has come to God's people with grace and hope.

**Praise God for the many ways God blesses our lives.**

Thanks be to God who brings us to life.

**Thanks be to God who nurtures, forgives and sustains us. Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*"Come Now is the Time to Worship"*

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray.....*Righteous God, our merciful master,

**you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken

away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” The Gospel of Our Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

Pastor Karen Pahl

## GOSPEL SONG

*“It Is Well”*

CCLI# 7021972

## 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

Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need.

***Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.***

**L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(10am 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 God of all creation, in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

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

## PRAYER FOR 2021 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

### SENDING SONG

*"God So Loved"*

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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!**

# COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

## Verse

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

## Chorus

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

## Ending

Come come just as you are come come

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# IT IS WELL

## Verse 1

Grander earth has quaked before  
Moved by the sound of His voice  
Seas that are shaken and stirred  
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

## Chorus

Through it all through it all  
My eyes are on You  
Through it all through it all  
It is well  
Through it all through it all  
My eyes are on You  
And it is well with me

## Verse 2

Far be it from me to not believe  
Even when my eyes can't see  
And this mountain that's in front of me  
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

## Bridge

So let go my soul and trust in Him  
The waves and wind still know His name

## Ending

It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul  
It is well with my soul, It is well it is well with my soul

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# GOD SO LOVED

## VERSE 1

Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

## VERSE 2

Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

## VERSE 3

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

## VERSE 4

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world

## CHORUS 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

## CHORUS 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

## BRIDGE

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

## CHORUS 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

**A brief silence.**

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of doctors, nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, healthcare workers, mental health professionals, social workers, nursing home workers, all those caring for those with COVID and so many more whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Leader, calm us in this time of presidential transition for our government. Continue to help us elect leaders who will participate in wise decisions for our common life, and reach out to serve our neighbors with decency and respect. We give thanks for our freedom and that we may be at peace among ourselves and be a blessing to other nations.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Send your healing spirit upon those we lift in prayer today, Cathy, Holly, Shirley, Paul, Janine, Bob, Karla, Barb, Betty, Joyce, Mark, Adele, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie, Shirley, Joe's grandfather and Richard.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Provider, be with the members of our congregation as they prayerfully consider their giving commitments towards our 2021 ministry and mission budget. We give thanks for all that God has provided and we are thankful for all the abundance the members of LCR have given to sustain our mission in Racine and beyond. May we be blessed in this coming year and into the future to share the Good News of Jesus and to continue to reach out to our neighbors.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy and Immortal One, we pray for the lives of all who have died, especially Jamie, and Joe's brother-in-law. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.



**Amen.**