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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
9 & 11 AM
RALLY SUNDAY

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

Pr Mike Pancoast

Pr Sue Wallager

READER:

9 AM Ken Johnson

11 AM Jim Bauer

MUSICIANS:

Keyboard: Mary Jo Gothmann & LeaAnn Barnett

Worship Team

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY FOR RALLY DAY:

Loving God, we thank you for all the blessings of the summer that is past,

and we pray for your guidance as the new program year begins.

Let it be a year of shared learning and growing, O God!

Deepen the knowledge of your Word among us.

Accept our commitment to the strengthening of becoming your disciples.

Let us make a joyful noise with our hearts and voices, sharing the gifts you have given.

Compel us to share of our resources and strive for justice.

Empower us to work for reconciliation and love.

O God, you have been our help in ages past and hope for years to come.

Be our help still, for we hope in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

GATHERING SONG: Take Me to the House

Refrain, Leader: Take me to the house (*repeat*) of the Lord.

Refrain, Everyone: Take me to the house (*repeat*) of the Lord.

Verse 1, leader:

Well, the Bible says a man was lame and couldn't stand when Jesus came to town to preach one day. Now the house was packed to the door, and there wasn't room for more; but the man said "Get me in anyway!"

Refrain, Everyone: Get me in the house (*repeat*) of the Lord.

Verse 2, leader:

Now this sick one persevered, got some friends from far and near, and they opened up the roof without a doubt. They lowered down his cot to the place where the master taught; when Jesus touched the man, he stood and shouted out:

Refrain, Everyone: "There's Healing in the house (*repeat*) of the Lord.

Verse 3, leader:

So Christian, don't give in, you've got the power to win. Jesus is your mighty shield and sword. Just call upon God's name; the power is still the same. And get into the house of the Lord. Come on now,

Refrain, Everyone: Get into the house (*repeat*) of the Lord.

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

A BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

It's the time of year when many children, youth and adults We ask in Jesus' name.

God bless all teachers!

Learners, let's ask God to bless you. ... We ask in Jesus' name...

God bless all learners!

And finally, we ask God's blessing on parents and all those who care for students. ... We ask in Jesus' name.

God bless all parents and caregivers!

Teachers, caregivers, parents and students—enter this new school year knowing that you are enough. You are loved. And, you are never alone. May you feel God holding you close in times of uncertainty and celebrating with you in every success. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

LESSONS: Isaiah 35:4-7a

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia*174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "Being Open" by Pastor Connie Tiede

The musical score is written for four parts: All, High Voices, Low Voices, and Choir. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers verses 1-4, and the second system covers verse 6. Each system has a treble clef staff for the vocal parts and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

All 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 High Voices 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 Low Voices 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 Choir 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

All 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

THE APOSTLES' 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

God of mercy and grace . . .

Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

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SPECIAL MUSIC: "Bluegrass Magnificat" by Sharp
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir; Worship Team

OFFERTORY: Have You Thanked the Lord, vs 1

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All: Refrain

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?
Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?
Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,
and re-joyed that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/8 time signature. The notes are: Staff 1: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Staff 2: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Staff 3: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Staff 4: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4.

Worship team: Hallelujah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand and sea,
ev'ry star at night that shines for you and me.
Blessings so many come our way; have you thanks the Lord today?

All: Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Borning Cry

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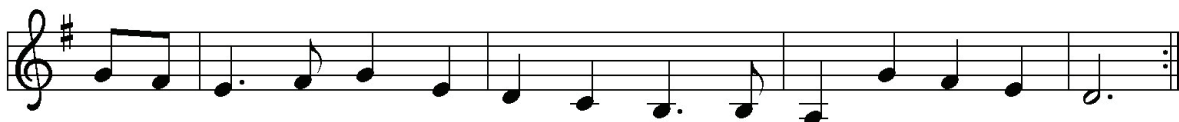
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**WE WELCOME YOU
TO WORSHIP**

**Hearing Assistance
Units Available**

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

May God shine the light of glory into your hearts. May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: This Little Light of Mine

- African American Spiritual, arr. Neil Johnson

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'ry day, ev'ry day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.**

(Repeat)

On a Monday - **He gave the gift of love,**
On Tuesday - **Peace came from above,**
On Wednesday - **Told me to have more faith,**
On Thursday - **Gave me just a little more grace,**
On Friday - **Told me to watch and pray,**
On Saturday - **Told me just what to say,**
On Sunday - **Gave me the power divine,**
just to let my little light shine.

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'ry day, ev'ry day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'ry day, ev'ry day, ev'ry day, ev'ry day,
I'm gonna let my little light shine!**

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE