

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Live stream worship service
Contemporary Praise Worship

October 18, 2020

Serving in Worship

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GATHER

PRELUDE: *A MIGHTY FORTRESS*

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *OPEN UP THE HEAVENS*

1. We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire
Awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth
You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus:

Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart

Filling every part of our praise

2. Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes
You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing (**Chorus x2**)

Bridge

Show us show us Your glory

Show us show us Your power

Show us show us Your glory Lord (**Chorus x2**)

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

P: God of all,

C: we are forever grateful for the many blessings you give to us. You lift us up when we are tired. You give us food in times of need. Yet, with all these blessings which come from you, we are not generous. We hoard the things we've acquired, and place faith in our possessions. Help us to place our faith in you and give to you and your people your gifts, which alone give new life. God, forgive us.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our God is loving, kind, and compassionate, and continues to bless us beyond measure. God hears our cries and forgives all our sins. This forgiveness is given freely, complete, and undeserved, in the name of the Father, + the Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

At this time, please share the peace with those around you. Also, please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshipping with us!

SONG OF PRAISE: *Holy Spirit*

1. There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare; You're our living hope
Your presence Lord
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

2. There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare; You're our living hope
Your presence Lord
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your presence Lord (**Chorus**)

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (**Repeat Bridge**) (**Chorus x2**)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 1: 1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG: We Fall Down

1. We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-22

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Charlie Woodward

SONG OF THE DAY: I Will Follow

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow

1. All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone
In You alone

Chorus

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah

2. Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone (**Chorus**)

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow (**Chorus x2**)

I will follow You, yeah

I will follow You, yeah

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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 CHURCH (*after each petition...*)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

Please, prayerfully consider giving by text or online: www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve/

You can also get to a description of GIVE+ Text from the same menu or simply text the dollar amount of your contribution to 833-941-1494.

OFFERING SONG: Glorious Day

1. I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You
2. I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus

*You called my name and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

3. Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You (**Chorus**)

Bridge

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open
'Cause when you called my name

*I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

SENDING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth, let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

P: 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. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: GREATER

1. Bring your tired and bring your shame
Bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name
You will always be much more to me
Every day I wrestle with the voices
That keep telling me I'm not right -- but that's alright

Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world in the world, in the world
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

2. Bring your doubts and bring your fears
Bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy, righteous and redeemed
Every time I fall there'll be those
Who will call me a mistake; well, that's okay (Chorus)

Bridge

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war
I am learning to run freely
Understanding just how He sees me
And it makes me love Him more and more (**Repeat Bridge**) (**Chorus, Bridge**)
My God is greater than he who is living in the world

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please take a few moments to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed. The livestream will continue for a few extra minutes to allow for your interaction.

Parish Notes

Baptized: Christian Ezra Caswell, son of Kenneth and Tarina Caswell

Sympathy to Pat Schwartz and family on the death of her husband, Tom Schwartz; to Lori Embry on the death of her father; and to Cindy Ginger on the death of her brother.

In Hospice Care: Joe Mastbaum

Collection for personal hygiene items for Good Neighbor House:

October 18 | At Sunday Worship

Wednesday, October 21 | 5-7 PM

OR Thursday, October 22, 11 AM-1 PM | Far Hills Campus

One of Epiphany's Christ Care groups is inviting you to participate in the next opportunity to serve our neighbors. We will be offering a personal needs drive for Good Neighbor House. Good Neighbor House provides goods, services, and support to those in need in the Miami Valley. It offers access to affordable health care (medical, dental, and eye clinics), faith and wellness counseling, clothing, household goods, and a food pantry. The personal needs listed below cannot be purchased with food stamps.

- Bar soap
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Toilet paper
- Dish soap
- Paper towels
- Women's hygiene products
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Laundry soap
- Cleaning supplies
- Face tissues

Collection bins will be provided at the Sunday services on October 11 and 18, or you may bring your donations to the Far Hills Campus, under the overhang on Wednesday, October 21, 5-7 p.m., or Thursday, October 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thank you so much for your continued support in loving Jesus by serving others.

Drive Thru Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 23 | 6-7 pm

Austin Campus parking lot

- Decorated cars will be distanced throughout the parking lot to pass out candy and treats to families as they drive through and remain in their vehicles. Pumpkins and decorating supplies will also be handed out, while supplies last. Come in costume!
- Seeking trunks! Can you provide a trunk, decorated or not, to pass out candy? Or would you like to help pass out pumpkins? Contact Sarah Richter, Director of Children and Family Ministry (srichter@epiphanydayton.org).

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