

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

Ist Sunday in Lent

Live stream worship service
Contemporary Praise Worship

February 21, 2021

Serving in Worship

Presiding: Pastor Jay Shailer

Preaching: Pastor Charlie Woodward

Assisting Minister: Becky Zink

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Sound/Slides: Ryan Maenpa & Jonathon Rodriguez

GATHER

PRELUDE: *COME TO THE WATER*

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *DESERT SONG*

1. This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides
2. This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here*

3. This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand (**Chorus**)

Bridge

All of my life, in every season
You are still God

I have a reason to sing; I have a reason to worship (**Repeat**)(**Chorus x2**)

4. This is my prayer in the harvest
When favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Gracious God,

C: we come before you in need of forgiveness. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We struggle to trust in your grace. We struggle to follow Jesus. We struggle to trust in the new life Christ offers and we justify our sins without care for what you require. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born anew through Christ's death and resurrection. Amen.

P: Friends in Christ, through Christ's suffering and death the world has not been condemned but justified and redeemed. Hear the good news: you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, + the Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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 worshiping with us!

SONG OF PRAISE: YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)

1. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well; Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Chorus

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You*

2. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well; Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again **(Chorus x2)**

In all I do, I honor You

Bridge

You are my King, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King; Jesus, You are my King **(Chorus)**
In all I do, I honor You, in all I do, I honor You

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN/ASK A PASTOR

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG: Here's My Heart

Chorus

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

'Cause I am found, I am Yours

I am loved, I'm made pure

I have life, I can breathe

I am healed, I am free (**Chorus**)

GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Charlie Woodward

APOSTLES' CREED

A: 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.

SONG OF THE DAY: Whom Shall I Fear

1. You hear me when I call; You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night; it cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
2. You crush the enemy; underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

I know Who goes before me, I know Who stands behind

The God of angel armies is always by my side

The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine

The God of angel armies is always by my side

3. My strength is in Your name for You alone can save
You will deliver me; Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear **(Chorus)**

Bridge

And nothing formed against me shall stand

You hold the whole world in Your hands

I'm holding on to Your promises

You are faithful

You are faithful **(Repeat Bridge) (Chorus x2)**

The God of angel armies is always by my side

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(after each petition...)*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

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 PRAYER

A: Let us pray: gracious God we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 OF COMMUNION

Schedule a time to receive Holy Communion from this morning's worship service.

Monday 9:30-11:00 AM, Tuesday 5:30-7 PM and Wednesday 11:30 AM-1 PM – Far Hills Sanctuary.

Thursday 6-7 PM – Austin Sanctuary

Reservations required – sign up online: www.epiphanydayton.org/communion-sign-up

COMMUNION SONG: WOOD AND NAILS

1. O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees
Look on your handiwork and build a house
So you may dwell in me
So you may dwell in me

Chorus 1

The work was done with nothing but wood and nails

In Your scar-borne hands

O, show me how to work and praise

Trusting that I am Your instrument

2. O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face
O build a table that I too may join you
In the father's place
Oh in the Father's place (**Chorus 1**)

Chorus 2

The kingdom's come and built upon

Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness

So send me out within Your ways

Knowing that the task is finished

Chorus 3

The dead will rise and give You praise

Wood and nails will not hold them down

These wooden tombs we'll break them soon

And fashion them into flower beds

Chorus 4

The curse is done the battle won

Swords bent down into plowshares

Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them

Serving at the table You've prepared

O humble carpenter

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C: Amen.

SEND

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray: God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: 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: LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

1. Savior I come, quiet my soul
Remember
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

*Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

2. You were as I, tempted and tried
Human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss **(Chorus)**

Bridge

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart **(Chorus)**

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

Sympathy to Dave Montgomery on the death of his brother, and to Jeff Johannes on the death of his grandmother.

Pastor Charlie transition

- Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts and dreams for Epiphany. Your feedback is very important to Church Council as we discern our path forward. Please send your thoughts to transitions@epiphanydayton.org.

Wednesdays During Lent | February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24

- *Zoom Soup Supper, 6:30 PM*

We will gather via Zoom. Make your favorite soup at home and have it ready to go. When you join the zoom meeting you will be randomly assigned to a table (break-out room) with others for a time of fellowship and to discuss a few questions prompted by the pastors.

- *Evening Prayer, 7 PM Online Service*

Join us on Epiphany's YouTube channel and Facebook Live as we hear God's Word for us through song, prayer, meditation, and scripture.

Day of Caring Monetary Donations and In-Gathering:

The need for food and shelter for the hungry and homeless is greater this year than any year in the history of Day of Caring.

- **To participate in the Day of Caring**, you can make a contribution online through February 28. If you prefer to send a check, it should be made out to Epiphany with "Day of Caring" in the check memo.
- **Donations of Personal Hygiene Items:** We will also collect personal hygiene items, which will be distributed through Day of Caring's pantry for those in need.
Far Hills Campus | Wednesday, February 24, 5-7 p.m. or Thursday, February 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hoops for Haiti Returns!

The past year has been especially difficult for our Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF) partners and friends. Learn more about how you can help on our website.

- **Suggested minimum donation** to enter bracket \$25/person or \$50/family. Free t-shirt for every \$50 donated!

In-Person Communion Opportunities at Both Campuses

Far Hills Sanctuary: Monday 9:30-11:00 AM, Tuesday 5:30-7 PM and Wednesday 11:30 AM-1 PM

Austin Sanctuary: Thursdays 6-7 PM

Although we are not able to gather for in-person worship during this time, we are committed to providing Word and Sacrament in a way that puts our congregation's safety first. For communion, we would like to offer the Epiphany congregation a chance to receive this gift in a safe manner.

Please sign up here: <https://www.epiphanydayton.org/communion-sign-up/> Reservations required.

**** Please double check your reservation confirmation and make sure to arrive at your scheduled time to ensure we do not overlap communicants.**

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