

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
We Love Jesus by Serving Others
7th Sunday of Easter
Contemporary Praise Worship
May 16, 2021 | 10:30 AM

Serving in Worship

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Usher: Tom Gariety

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PRELUDE: CONFIDENCE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: TODAY IS THE DAY

1. I'm casting my cares aside, I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Chorus

*Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day, today is the day*

2. I'm putting my fears aside, I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good (**Chorus**)

Bridge

*I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (all my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (all my days I'll live)*

Chorus 2

*Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (x5)*

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: RAISE A HALLELUJAH

1. I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah -- my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah -- Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated, the King is alive

2. I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah -- I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah -- fear you lost your hold on me (**Chorus**)

Bridge 1

- Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Bridge 2

- Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me
Sing a little louder (**Chorus**)

I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

word

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG: Listen

Listen to the Word of the Lord

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GOSPEL: JOHN 17:6-19

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: PASTOR JAY SHAILER**NICENE CREED**

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

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SONG OF THE DAY: How Great Is Our God

1. The splendor of a king, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

Chorus

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

2. And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead, three-in-one -- Father, Spirit, Son
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb (**Chorus**)

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (**Repeat**) (**Chorus x2**)

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 access GIVE+ Text instructions from the same drop-down menu or simply text the dollar amount of your contribution to 833-941-1494.

meal

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: God our Redeemer, in loving response to your gracious blessing, we come with the offering our time and treasure. Receive these gifts, that they may be used to further the work of your church on earth.

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 in the Far Hills Sanctuary on Monday, 9:30-10:30 AM. Reservations required – sign up online: www.epiphanydayton.org/communion-sign-up

COMMUNION SONG: TO THE TABLE

1. Hear the voice of love that's calling
There's a chair that waits for you
And a Friend who understands
Everything you're going through
2. But you keep standing at a distance
In the shadow of your shame
There's a light of hope that's shining
Won't you come and take your place

Chorus 1

*And bring it all to the table
There's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your sin, all your sorrow, and your sadness
There's a Savior and He calls
Bring it all to the table*

3. He can see the weight you carry
And the fears that hold your heart
But through the cross you've been forgiven
You're accepted as you are

Chorus 2

*So bring it all to the table
There's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your trials, all your worries, and your burdens
There's a Savior and He calls
Bring it all to the table
Bring it all
You can bring it all*

Bridge

*Come on in, take your place
There's no one who's turned away
All you sinners, all you saints
Come right in and find your grace (**Repeat**) (**Chorus 1**)*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray: O Lord, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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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: HAPPY DAY

1. The greatest day in history
Death is beaten, You have rescued me
Sing it out -- Jesus is alive
The empty cross, the empty grave
Life eternal, You have won the day
Shout it out -- Jesus is alive
He's alive

Chorus

*And oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed*

2. When I stand in that place
Free at last, meeting face-to-face
I am Yours, Jesus You are mine
Endless joy, perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate -- Jesus is alive

He's alive (Chorus)

Bridge

*Oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me
And oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious name (Chorus)*

*What a glorious, glorious day
I'll never be the same*

DISMISSAL

L: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

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

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Parish Notes

Sympathy to Stephanie and Tommy Fulton on the death of Tommy's father.

Congratulations to Mary Martinez and Brandon Kiger, who were married May 6.

Resurrection Project status – We're almost there!

Thank you to all who have helped us get so close to our goal of \$10,000 for our sponsorship of Haitian college student, Frantzcesca Jean-Charles for this year's Resurrection Project. This year's project ends today! Learn more by going to our website: www.epiphanydayton.org/resurrection-project/.

Farewell Celebration for Pastor Charlie & Lisa Woodward

Saturday, June 5, 2-5 PM, Far Hills Outdoor Chapel

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054da4ad2ca6fd0-farewell>

Blood Drive

Saturday, June 5, 8-Noon, Signup: www.donortime.com

Adult Kickball Night

Friday, May 21, 6:30 PM, Austin Campus

Join us for an evening of adult kickball! Bring a cooler with your own refreshments. No need to sign up - just show up. Contact Brittany Alber (balbert@epiphanydayton.org) with questions.

Give Altar Flowers, Eternal Flame

Give altar flowers in honor, celebration or memory of loved ones, and you may also light the Eternal Flame in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$10 to light the flame. Give online or by check made out to Epiphany with altar flowers or eternal flame noted in the memo. Please contact Natalie Heimann (nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).

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