

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**We Love Jesus by Serving Others**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Contemporary Praise Worship**  
**Austin Campus**  
June 13, 2021 | 10:30 AM

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**PRELUDE:** *WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG:** *ALIVE AND BREATHING*

1. What holds your heart, what stirs your soul  
What matters come to mind  
The cares you keep, the thoughts you think  
It's not all wasted time  
Seek and you will find

**Chorus**

*Joy still comes in the morning  
Hope still walks with the hurting  
If you're still alive and breathing  
Praise the Lord  
Don't stop dancing and dreaming  
There's still good news worth repeating  
So lift your head and keep singing  
Praise the Lord*

2. The years roll by, we wonder why  
We lost our way from home  
Our Father finds the child inside  
We left for growing old  
Awake, awake, awake my soul (**Chorus**)

**Bridge**

Let everything, let everything  
Let everything praise the Lord  
In the working, in the waiting  
Let it praise the Lord  
In the blessing, in the breaking  
Come on praise the Lord  
In the dying, the rising  
Let it praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord (**Chorus x2**)

**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 so often miss your kingdom growing among us. Captivated by power and fame, we overlook the smallest seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes. Forgive us for fostering division when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation. Help us to grow as one, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest potential. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

P: Children of God, we have been assured that in Christ, everything old has been made new. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, your sins have been forgiven and you have been granted new life, in the name of the Father, the + Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: *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

## WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

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### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL SONG: Give Us Clean Hearts**

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit, come make us humble  
We turn eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord, cast out our idols

### **Chorus**

Give us clean hearts, give us pure hearts  
Let us not bow our hearts to another  
Give us clean hearts, give us pure hearts  
Let us not bow our hearts to another

**GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: PASTOR JAY SHAILER**

**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: Thrive**

1. Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died  
Like a tree planted by the water, we will never run dry  
So Living Water flowing through  
God we thirst for more of You  
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire

**Chorus**

*Just to know You and to make You known*

*We lift Your name on high*

*Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide*

*We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives*

*It's time for us to more than just survive*

*We were made to thrive*

2. Into Your Word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart  
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who You are  
So Living Water flowing through  
God we thirst for more of You  
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire **(Chorus)**

**Bridge**

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable

Anything is possible **(Repeat x3)(Chorus)**

*We were made to thrive*

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **OFFERING**

*Please prayerfully consider giving by text or online: [www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve](http://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.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray: In the spirit of faith, Gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to present our offerings to you, to participate in extending your grace to more and more people, and to give all glory to your name.

**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**

### **COMMUNION SONG: O COME TO THE ALTAR**

1. Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

### **Chorus**

*O come to the altar*

*The Father's arms are open wide*

*Forgiveness was bought with*

*The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling **(Chorus x2)**

### **Bridge**

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him for he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen **(Repeat)(Chorus x2)**  
3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

### **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: Wellspring of joy, 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.**

### **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: BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE**

1. Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are your church  
We need Your power in us
2. We seek Your kingdom first;  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause  
We are your church  
We pray revive this earth

### **Chorus**

*Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray*

3. Unleash your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of Hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
    You made us for much more than this  
    Awake the kingdom seed in us  
    Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
    We are Your church  
    We are the hope on earth (**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.**

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Serving in Worship

**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Jay Shailer

**Assisting Minister:** Natalie Heimann

**Praise Team:** Scott Watamaniuk, Thom Reitz, Dick Lane, Reil St. Amand  
Michele Borns, Carlin Heimann

**Sound:** Ed Wasser & Todd Schluter

**Usher:** Stephanie Fulton

**Communion Servers:** Diana Pearson, Ryan Pearson, Sienna Pearson, Paige Pearson

**Livestream Host:** Adrienne Ausdenmoore

**Stream Team:** Anthony Brown, Drew Simon

## Parish Notes

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**Baptized today at the FH 9:00 a.m. service:** Elsie Flagg, daughter of Kirsten and Ian Flagg.

**Hospitalized:** Dave Chance, Ron Geibert

### **Homebound List and Communion**

If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact Natalie Heimann ([nheimann@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org)) to be included on the homebound list. In addition, if your or a loved one's health or mobility status has changed in the last year, or if you or a homebound loved one moved, please let us know this information as well.

### **Outreach Drive for St. Vincent's Homeless Shelter**

#### **Collecting Items June 7-21**

#### **Far Hills Outdoor Chapel and Gathering Space**

The new, unused items being requested include:

- Men's and women's underwear, sizes S to 4X
- Men's white t-shirts. Sizes S to 4X
- Men's and women's socks
- Deodorant
- Nail clippers
- Chap Sticks
- Sunscreen
- Disposable razors

Thank you for supporting our community outreach. We love Jesus by serving others! For questions, contact Cindy Ginger at (937)554-5224. Meijer Simply Give Campaign

### **Double Match Day, June 19; Campaign Runs Through July 3**

#### **Giving Options:**

- In partner store on Springboro Pike
- Cash or check to Epiphany Lutheran Church with "Meijer" in the memo.
- Through online giving

### **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](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org)).

**Let Us Pray for You!** We want to know when you're hospitalized or when you have a life event, such as a birth, marriage, death in the family, etc. Contact Pastor Jay (937-750-2333). Prayer requests can also be sent to [nheimann@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).