

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Austin Contemporary Praise Worship | 10:30 AM

November 13, 2022

gather

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING 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**)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P; Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of 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: WE ARE

1. Every secret, every shame
Every fear, every pain
Live inside the dark
But that's not who we are
We are children of the day
So wake up sleeper, lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows, conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus

We are the light of the world

We are the city on a hill

We are the light of the world

And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta

Let the light shine (Repeat Chorus)

2. We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through (**Chorus x2**)

Bridge

We are the light, we are the light, we are the light

So let your light shine brighter

We are the light, we are the light, we are the light

Jesus, You are the light, You are the light, You are the light

We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine (**Chorus x2**)

Let the light shine, let the light shine

Let the light shine, let the light shine

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

word

1ST LESSON: MALACHI 4:1-2

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

2ND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON: REV. JULIE REUNING-SCHERER

(Please stand as you are able)

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: STAND IN YOUR LOVE

1. When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken

Chorus

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love*

2. Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken **(Chorus)**

Bridge

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name, power in Your name **(Chorus x2)**

(Please be seated)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING SONG: CONFIDENCE

1. I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose
I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to
But Lord with Your strength, I've got no excuse
'Cause broken people are exactly who You use

Chorus

*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense
So I can face my giants with confidence **(Continued)***

2. You took a shepherd boy and made him a King
So I'm gonna trust You and give you everything
I'll be a conquerer 'cause You fight for me
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory **(Chorus)**

Bridge

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls
I won't stop until I see 'em fall
Gonna stand up, step out when You call
Jesus, Jesus **(Repeat) (Chorus x2)**

I'll face my giants with confidence

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

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Christ welcomes you to this meal of grace! If you believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior and is truly present in the meal, please join us at the table. Communion is by intinction. Dip the bread into the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available at the center station.

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

It'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)**

(Please stand as you are able)

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: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

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BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever.

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: Go in peace. Be a blessing to the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING in WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Julie Reuning-Scherer

Assisting Minister: Jane Lane

Sound & Slides: Ed Wasser & Paige Pearson

Praise Team: Allison Crews, Ned Greene, Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane,
Bill Norman, Sandy Schwartzwalder, Scott Watamaniuk

Acolyte: Reid Pearson

Communion Servers: Diana Pearson, Reid Pearson, Annie Wierwille, Stephanie Wierwille

Ushers: Bob & Kris Mangan

Livestream: Anthony Brown & Ryan Pearson

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. Prayer requests can be sent to nheimann@epiphanydayton.org.

Scripture Readings for 11/20/2022, Christ the King:
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

parish notes

Recently hospitalized: Phil Nielsen

Our sympathy to Pete Moenter on the death of his sister

Congratulations to Pastor Kristin Swenson, who has accepted a call as senior pastor at Hope in Farmington Hills, MI, starting January 2.

We Belong Stewardship Commitment TODAY

During worship today we observe Stewardship Commitment Sunday by presenting our 2023 statements of intent. Cards are available at the usher tables or you may complete the form online at www.epiphanydayton.org.

We're Hiring!

Epiphany is looking to hire a part-time Communications Coordinator and a part-time Office Administrator for Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Interested candidates should submit all inquiries, current resume and cover letter to jobs@epiphanydayton.org by November 16.

Flag Room Chat with Kettering Show Choir

Monday, November 14 | 11:30 AM | FH Flag Room and Sanctuary

Please join the Young at Heart Ministry team for a pizza lunch, followed by an interlude by Pastor Julie and a concert by the Kettering Show Choir. You can bring a brown bag lunch or have pizza for \$7 per person. Reserve your spot with Verity Snyder by November 13.

Lutheranism 101 Follow-Up Class

Wednesday, November 16 | 7 PM | Far Hills Conference Room

Those who did not attend the first session are welcome to attend and can pick up the book *Baptized We Live* at the class. Reading ahead is not expected or required.

Children's Education

Today is Young Server Sunday – please thank our children and youth serving in worship.

Sunday School | Far Hills Campus | 9:45 a.m.

No Sunday School today. Next week is the final week for Fall Sunday School

TODAY Play & Learn | Austin Campus | November 13 | 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

After 10:30 a.m. worship gather for a light lunch, playground time, and Bible stories and discussion with Ms. Sarah.

Thanksgiving Service and Pie Fest

November 22 | 7 PM | Far Hills Sanctuary

Join us for worship and fellowship! Invite friends and family and bring a pre-cut pie to share. Drop off pre-cut desserts in the Celebration Center. Offering will benefit ELCA World Hunger.

Advent Devotion & Discussion:

The Uncluttered Heart: Making Room for God During Advent and Christmas

Wednesdays November 30, December 7 & 14 | 7 PM | Far Hills Conference Room

Join a daily devotion with an offered weekly discussion group for the Advent Season. Books are available through the church office for \$11. Questions? Contact Pastor Julie.

WELCOME GUESTS!

- ❖ We want to get to know you! If you are a first-time or returning guest, please fill out a Connection Card located at the usher table as you enter the worship space. Please either return to an usher or place it in the offering plate. There is also space for prayer requests.
- ❖ Next steps: Become a part of the Epiphany family by attending regularly, and get involved by coming to one of our events or by helping one of our many ministries. We invite you to see where loving Jesus by serving others might lead you. Our pastors and staff are always available to help you find ways to get connected in service and fellowship.
- ❖ For more information or questions, please ask our campus coordinators, Jennifer Henderson (Far Hills) or Brittany Albert (Austin), or contact Natalie Heimann, office manager (nheimann@epiphanydayton.org or ext. 100). Thanks again for joining us today!

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