

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

Third Sunday in Lent

Austin Praise Worship | 10:30 AM

March 12, 2023

gather _____

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING SONG: YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME

1. There were walls between us, by the cross you came
And broke them down, You broke them down
And there were chains around us, by Your grace
We are no longer bound, no longer bound
You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Chorus

*Your love is greater, Your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me
Your love is greater, Your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me*

2. Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming
Back to life, I'm back to life
Hear the song awaken, all creation singing
We're alive, 'cause You're alive
You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive **(Chorus)**

Bridge

And what a love we've found, death can't hold us down
We shout it out
We're alive, 'cause You're alive **(Repeat x2)(Chorus x2)**

(Please be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

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)(continued next page)**

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

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FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" **(Continued)**

¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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: COME TO THE WATER

1. O, let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?
2. And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?
3. And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
And let the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord, come to the Lord
Come to the Lord, come to the Lord

*I will run to you, I will run to you, I will run to you my Lord
I will run to you, I will run to you, I will run to you my Lord*

(Please be seated)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING SONG: WOOD AND NAILS

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.

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*

meal

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

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.

COMMUNION SONG: COME TO THE TABLE

1. We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry, we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh, the shape that we were in
Just when all hope seemed lost, Love opened the door for us

Chorus 1

*He said come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table*

2. Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near **(Chorus)**

Chorus 2

*So come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table, come to the table*

Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward
To the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes, all who've failed you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer, all who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free, all who follow all who lead
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To everyone who hears this song **(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: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P: God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

SENDING 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)*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING in WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Preaching and Presiding: *Rev. Julie Reuning-Scherer*

Assisting Minister: *Sam Culham*

Sound & Slides: *Spencer Watamaniuk & Billy Heaning*

Praise Team: *Michele Borns, Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Craig Hoerig, Dick Lane, Thom Reitz, Scott Watamaniuk*

Acolyte: *Levi Borns*

Communion Servers: *Wyatt Borns, Paige Pearson, Reid Pearson, Sienna Pearson*

Ushers: *Kris & Bob Mangan*

Livestream: *Scott Haligowski & 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 3/12/2023, Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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). Thanks again for joining us today!

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