

# 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**

## word

### **FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>From 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. <sup>2</sup>The 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?" <sup>3</sup>But 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?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The 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. <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>He 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**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For 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. <sup>11</sup>But 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.**

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

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The 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.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but 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." <sup>15</sup>The 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."

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

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

<sup>27</sup>Just 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?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

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

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They 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](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.

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.**

send \_\_\_\_\_

### **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](mailto: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!

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2011 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #26658. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) CCLI License No. 46786. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-702755

### **EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Far Hills Campus** 6430 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45459 (937) 433-1449

**Austin Campus** 10551 Sheehan Rd. Dayton, OH 45458 (937) 886-9885

[www.epiphanydayton.org](http://www.epiphanydayton.org)