



11:00 Contemporary Worship
Sunday, June 18, 2023
Third Sunday After Pentecost, Year A

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

SongSelect I Will Follow

Litany for Juneteenth

Celebration rises, up from the deep places,
finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

**Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow.
Celebration comes at a cost.

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed.**

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come,
the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration.
Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering.

Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet;

Remembering lives and freedom stolen

[names may be added here by appointed voices and/or congregation]

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white gleam
of our bright star is cast.**

Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone,

knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go.

Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet ahead.

Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.

**Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee;**

Celebration rises, resisting illusions,

to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains,
and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears
thou who hast brought us thus far on our way;
thou who has by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure.

Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace,

I am because You are, You are because I am;

Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours
and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine.

**Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God,
true to our native land.**

**True to who we are, True to who we have been and who we are becoming,
thanks be to God.**

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 188 *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the

Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon: “I am sending you out” – Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Hymn of the Day

ELW #768 Lead Me, Guide Me

Apostles’ Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

O God, call us into a deeper relationship with you so that we can be your Church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, call us to have a loving relationship that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color.

Inspire us to work with others for racial equality and inclusion for all people. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned.

Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction.

Heal those who are sick (*especially Rich Rydarowski, Lori Welker, Tom Glass, Sr.*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for fathers and father figures. Make your love for us be the model for them and their children. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died (*especially*), and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Song

ELW #341 Now Behold the Lamb

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.

Communion Song

SongSelect Way Maker

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

Strive first for the righteous reign of God,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Lord ✠ bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Recessional Song

ELW #841 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude