



## **W**elcome to Beautiful Savior!

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**IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:**

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.**

**Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without.**

**Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.**

**Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.**

## **Witnesses to the Resurrection**

***"The Great Commission"***

**May 21, 2023 11:15 a.m.**

Followers of Jesus gathered with him on top of a mountain. It was from here that he ascended into heaven, an event whose details still baffle skilled theologians and beginning believers alike. Before departing, he commissioned the followers to make disciples (student followers) of all nations, teaching them to obey what Jesus commanded, and to baptize all the nations. This is referred to as "The Great Commission."

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P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Flowers in Loving Memory of Sue Hoffman*

**GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC**

*“Send Me”*

Church of the City

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**GATHERING SONG**

*“Your Love, O Lord”*

Third Day

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.

I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.

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Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

*“Everlasting God”*

Brenton Brown

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

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Our God, you reign forever

Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **MISSION MOMENT**

*“Ukrainian Refugees”*

Mike Stefaniak

## **MEMORY VERSE**

*Hebrews 11:1*

David Lochner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

**C: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 42:5-9*

A: The first reading is from the book of Isaiah, the forty-second chapter.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Revelation 1:9-18*

A: The second reading is from the book of Revelation, the first chapter.

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother who share with you the persecution and the kingdom and the endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. <sup>14</sup> His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last <sup>18</sup> and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 28:16-20*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

*“Witnesses to the Resurrection – The Great Commission”*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

*“We’re Gonna Shine”*

Gary Rea

We are Yours, we are Your chosen ones  
We are Your daughters and sons  
Jesus we are Yours  
Once were lost, and then You rescued us  
Clothed us in Your righteousness  
Jesus we are Yours

### **REFRAIN**

We are Your church oh God  
We are a city on a hill  
Because of what You’ve done, we’re gonna shine  
We are Your church oh God  
We are Your plan to reach the world  
Because of who You are, we’re gonna shine

We are Yours, we are Your hands and feet  
In every city and street Jesus we are Yours  
Messengers, Your Spirit carriers  
Your love and mercy givers  
Jesus we are Yours   **REFRAIN**

Lord make us one so that they will see Your love in us  
By the way that we live and we love  
Let us be Your light to the world   **REFRAIN**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

David Lochner

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks that the Church serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and church council (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

**What is the Sharing of the Peace?**

The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

**How Do We Share the Peace?**

At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

*(Please be seated.)*

**STEWARDSHIP READING**

*Luke 12:33*

(Jesus said,) "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys."

**OFFERING**

*"Mighty to Save"*

Fielding/Morgan

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing, for the glory of the risen King  
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see  
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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

**C: 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.)*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**



*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**SENDING SONG**

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

**ELW 677**

- 1     This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
      this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
      this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
      let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2     Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
      ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
      ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
      let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Risen One in love.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God!**

P: And next time ...

**C: ... we'll invite a friend!**

***We thank you for worshiping with us today.***

***We hope to worship with you again in the near future!***

***Many thanks to all those on our tech team  
for making this livestream service possible.***

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## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we will offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word will be spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We will pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others in need.

## **SERVING THIS MONTH**

### **Readers**

May 7	Annette George
May 14	Patti Tieman
May 21	David Lochner
May 28	Patti Tieman

### **PowerPoint**

May 7	Ted George
May 14	Don Haefner
May 21	Jeanine Rusher
May 28	Marilyn Lochner

### **Ushers**

May 7	Brian & Max Tognetti
May 14	Brian Rusher & Tom Ingram
May 21	Jim Kershner & Christian Arnold
May 28	Jim Kershner & Tom Ingram

### **Communion Assistants**

May 7	Brian Tognetti
May 14	Brian Rusher
May 21	David Lochner
May 28	Brian Tognetti

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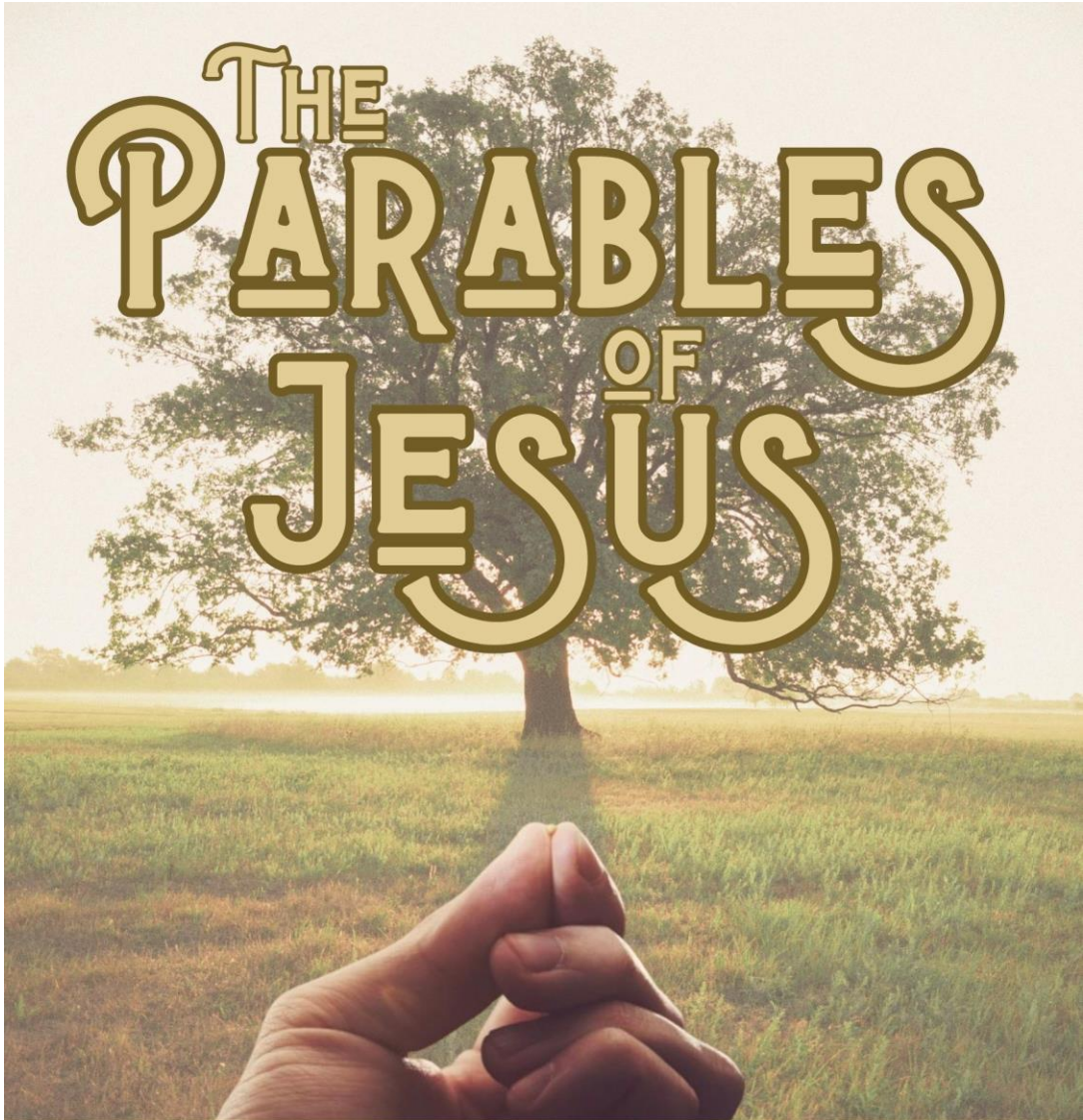
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