

Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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What on Earth Are We Here For? "Growing Together" March 20, 2022 11:15 a.m.

There is one God who has chosen to be revealed to us as the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This means that in a mystical way, at the very heart of God, there is community. Therefore, when we gather and fellowship with other people of faith, we are a truer expression of the image of God in which we have been created.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC "What a Beautiful Name"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called.
- C: We cannot do this alone; we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.
- P: Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.
- C: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.
- P: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace, grounded in the Spirit.
- C: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.
- P: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
- C: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

GATHERING SONG

"Give Us Clean Hands"

Charlie Hall

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jim Kershner

- A: Let us pray. Dear Lord, help us rejoice in each other's strengths. Help us to use our words and actions to connect with others. Lead us to share hope, humility, and faith. Bring us together in prayer so that we may relate and maintain compassion for each other. In Jesus's name we pray.
- C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

- P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.
- C: 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, and

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

(Please be seated.)

MEMORY VERSE David Lochner

A: Our memory verse, Galatians 5:14, says: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

C: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

A: The reading is from the book of Ephesians, the fourth chapter.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL

Matthew 7:1-5

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out

of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

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

"Growing Together: Relationships That Help Us Grow"

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY

"Rising"

Paul Baloche/Matt Redman

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

PRAISE TO GOD

- A: The Heavens praise your wonders, Lord; your faithfulness to all your people is a gift. Who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord amongst the heavenly beings? In the council of the holy ones, God is greatly praised; he is more awesome than all who surround him. Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty; and your faithfulness surrounds you,
- C: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.
- A: Blessed are you who have learned to praise God; you, who walk in the light of the Lord's presence.

CONFESS AND FORGIVE

- A: Let us make confession:
- C: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. (Reflect on where you have erred, been selfish, or hurt another.)
- P: Are you sorry you have sinned?
- C: Yes, I am!

- P: Do you trust Jesus for his forgiveness?
- C: Yes, we do!
- P: As a called servant of God, in the name of Jesus the Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

THANK

- A: Lord, I thank you for an infinite number of blessings. Thank you above all for Jesus, my Savior and friend. Thank you for the grace we have received. Help me to take time to give you thanks for your many gifts I take for granted. (*Silence for reflection*.) May your grace and my thankfulness transform my attitudes, toward you, others, and me.
- C: Amen.

PRAY FOR OTHERS

- A: Lord, help us as we grow together. Empower us to encourage one another and build each other up. Hear now the prayers we offer for our friends, family, and situations in our world; because they hurt, we hurt. (*Name aloud or in your heart the needs of friends, family, and situations in the world.*)
- A: Lord, by your grace, give to those in need healing and wholeness. Empower them to walk in your ways.
- C: Lord, make me an instrument of your grace.

PRAY FOR SELF

- A: Lord, thank you for your grace and mercy to us. The work of Jesus on the cross is a game changer. Fill us with strength to overcome our doubt and despair. Empower us to see past ourselves to others. Use our small group ministry to grow our faith in you and our relationship with others. And God's people say:
- C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING Malachi 3:10-11

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts.

OFFERING

"What a Beautiful Name" Ben Fielding/Brooke Ligertwoode

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

- P: Together, let us pray:
- C: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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.

THE 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 HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG

"Sing Your Praises"

Adam Farrell/Kassi Hemerka

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers		PowerPoint	
March 6	Patti Tieman	March 6	Jeanine Rusher
March 13	Brian Rusher	March 13	Jeanine Rusher
March 20	David Lochner	March 20	Patti Tieman
March 27	Brian Rusher	March 27	Emery Schillack

Readers for Prayers of the Church

March 6	Jim Kershner
March 13	Tom Casey
March 20	Jim Kershner
March 27	Jan Haefner

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