

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**August 9, 2020**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

- \* God's Greeting
- \* We Greet One Another

**Christ be with you.**

**And also with you!**

- \* Call to Worship (From Psalm 89:1-4)

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;*

**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;**

*your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"*

**Praise the Lord!**

- \* Opening Song: "Here I Am, Lord"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #869*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN:** Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

- \* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Will for Our Lives (Colossians 4:5-6; I Peter 3:15-16)

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.*

**Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt,  
so that you may know how to answer everyone.**

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

**But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously  
against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Our Father, we live in troubled times, but you have given us your grace and peace.**

**You have brought us hope and joy. We are thankful,**

**but at times we are afraid to express our thanks among others.**

**Other times we take your gifts for granted, or even fail to live into them.**

**Give us the words to say when our opportunities arise to share these gifts with others,  
so that our light may shine before others, that they, too, may give you praise.**

**In the name of the One who saves us we pray, Amen.**

God's Words of Assurance (2 Timothy 1:6-8)

*To the one who calls on me I will give wisdom and strength. "I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord."*

Song of Response: "In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified" (Vs 1 & 4) *Lift Up Your Hearts #861*

In our lives, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-11

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

Message: "The Power of Stories"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Vs. 1-3) *Lift Up Your Hearts #590*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Vs. 8) *Lift Up Your Hearts #590*

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

\* Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

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