

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 27)

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

* Opening Song: "Carry Your Love"

We are called out we are ransomed We are not of the world we're in

We are chosen we are blessed To bring light to the lives of men

So Father sow Your seed Give us life in community

Wake us from our sleep This is Your time this is Your place

And we are vessels for breaking

Chorus Under Your grace we are led by Your Spirit

You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son

Send down Your Word we are eager to hear it

Ready our hearts to carry Your love

You are sunlight You are morning You're the hope of a brand new day

You are comfort You are blessing And You wipe all our tears away

So change us from within Render miracles from our sin

Remind us once again This is Your time this is Your place

We are vessels for breaking **(Chorus)**

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for Our Lives: Romans 8:14-16

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."

Unison Prayer of Confession

God you have shown us the way of life, through your son Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him and our reluctance to bear the cross. We confess our poverty of worship, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us Lord and forgive us.

God's Words of Assurance (Based on Titus 3:4-7)

When God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Now having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Baptism of Liliana Jan Saldana

The Welcome: *Brothers and sisters, together we are the body of Christ. Today receive Liliana Jan Saldana into Christ's church. I charge you to love her and to assist her as best you can to be a faithful child of God; when you have the opportunity, teach her by being an example of Christian faith and character; and also support this family in fellowship, prayer, and service. How do you respond? **We will, God helping us***

Song of Response: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Lift Up Your Hearts #693

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed
My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: **Daniel 5** King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ²While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. ⁵Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking. ⁷The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom." ⁸Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. ⁹So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled. ¹⁰The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "May the king live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed! Don't look so pale!" ¹¹There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. ¹²He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means." ¹³So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah?" ¹⁴I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. ¹⁵The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. ¹⁶Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom." ¹⁷Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means. ¹⁸"Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. ¹⁹ Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. ²⁰But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. ²¹He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes. ²²"But you, Belshazzar, his son, have

not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. ²³Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. ²⁴Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. ²⁵"This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene, tekel, parsin ²⁶"Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." ²⁹Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. ³⁰That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, ³¹ and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

Message: "Bigger"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

- * Song of Response: "Lord Reign in Me"

Over all the earth You reign on high Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought over every word May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord

'Cause You mean more to me Than any earthly thing So won't You reign in me again **(Chorus)**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- * Blessing

- * Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts #947

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace, as we walk in the light shining from your face.

May the peace that you give change the way that we live.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace, as we walk in the light shining from your face.

May the peace that you give change the way that we live.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

- * Postlude

- * Please stand if you are able

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Ben Giles, Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford