10am Sunday Service (O3) 25 June 2023

Welcome

Call to Worship

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand; open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus. You are more loving than our hearts can respond to; help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be. You are wiser than we can know; still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us. Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak. We worship and adore you. Amen.

Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong Forever God is with us, Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God we will carry on His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise

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Song: Your Grace is Enough Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people, Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along

Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me God I sing Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me for me

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Puppets (Grandma and Toby)

Prayer for Children (Natalie)

Bible Reading: Acts 13:1-12 (Robyn R)

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.⁶ They travelled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰ "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹² When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Message

Offering Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Offering Prayer

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world. You fill our emptiness with your goodness. You come to our weakness with your strength. Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment.

The Confession

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, But we have broken your holy laws And have left undone what we ought to have done. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, Forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is slow to anger and full of compassion, Forgiving all who humbly repent And trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord God therefore forgives us in Christ Jesus, In whom there is no condemnation. Amen.

Prayers for the Church and our World (Christine)

The Lord's Prayer Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil For the kingdom, the power and the glory Are yours now and forever. Amen. The Great Thanksgiving (Christine & Metche to assist) The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power for you created all things, making us in your own image. We praise you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Saviour's word, in remembrance of his suffering and death, may share his body and blood. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns. Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death

and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son. Bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom, there to feast at your table and join in your eternal praise: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sending out of God's People

Gracious God,

thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are living members of Christ's body.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Notices

Song: Days Of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah Declaring the Word of the Lord And these are the days Of Your servant Moses Righteousness being restored And though these are days Of great trials Of famine and darkness and sword Still we are the voice In the desert crying Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Behold He comes Riding on the clouds Shining like the sun At the trumpet call So lift your voice It's the year of Jubilee And out of Zion's hill Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel The dry bones becoming as flesh And these are the days Of Your servant David Rebuilding a temple of praise And these are the days of the harvest The fields are as white in the world And we are the labourers In Your vineyard Declaring the Word of the Lord

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Blessing