

Mid-Week Zion Worship



Pastor Eric Hanson
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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Opening Song: "Blessed Assurance" #638

Verse 1: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2: Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Verse 3: Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching & waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, & make us New.

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. Amen.

The Reading: Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

P: This is the word of our Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Homily - *In a polarized nation, how does the Bible teach us to embrace diversity?* Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day & Offering: "Here Is Bread" #483

Offering plates are passed during the Hymn of the Day. Thank you to those who give through Online Giving. To sign up for online giving, please visit our website at <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/index.html> and click the Online Giving button. St. Luke thanks you for your gifts.

Verse 1: Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

**Verse 2: Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]**

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: (call and response)

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, we pray for all soldiers sent to Afghanistan this past week. We pray for the success of their mission and for protection over their bodies, hearts, and spirits especially; Garret & Jess Huemann and Shea Mollenhauer. Be with family members waiting for their return. Give endurance to troubled hearts, and peace to anxious minds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving, all those who suffer especially; Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson and Pat Ferkin. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: And also with you.

Ushers bring offering forward.

Offertory Prayer:

P: God of abundance,

C: You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger, that all may know your care. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer:

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 & ever. Amen.

The Meal: L. We remember...

Communion Hymn: *"Jesus Loves Me"*

Vs 1: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Vs 2: Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer:

P: O God,

C: We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* #810

Vs 1: O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Vs 2: Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Vs 3: Oh, let me hear you speaking, in accents clear & still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak & make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

Vs 4: O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my Master & my Friend.

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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