

Mid-Week Zion Worship



Pastor Eric Hanson
7:00PM • July 15, 2021

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *sung by Lydia Matthees*

**Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom power and love, Our God is an awesome God. 2X**

Opening Song: "Lord I need You"

**Verse 1: Lord I come, I confess; Bowing here, I find my rest
Without you I fall apart; You're the One that guides my heart**

**Chorus: Lord I need you, Oh I need you; Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, How I need you.**

**Verse 2: Where sin runs deep your grace is more; Where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord I am free; Holiness is Christ in me [Chorus]**

**Verse 3: Teach my song to rise to you; when temptation comes my way
and when I cannot stand I'll fall on You; Jesus You're my Hope and Stay [Chorus 2X]**

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: Revelation 7:1-10

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ²I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants[a] of our God with a seal on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel: ⁵From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, ⁶from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, ⁷from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, ⁸from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed. ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

P: This is the word of our Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Homily - What does Revelation say about God's future promises and the rapture? *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Song of the Day: "Here I am Lord" #574

Vs 1: I, the Lord of sea & sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark & 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? Who 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.

Vs 3: I, the Lord of wind & flame, I will tend the poor & 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]

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)*

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill especially; Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sue Majerus, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Doug & Charlotte Hindal and Pat Ferkin. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: **And also with you.**

Offering: *Offering plates are provided at the usher's table. To sign up for online giving, please visit our website at www.stlukegoodhue.org and click the Online Giving button. St. Luke thanks you for your gifts.*

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....

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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: *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

The Lord bless you And keep you. Make His face shine upon you And be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His Face toward you And give you peace.

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Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

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Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

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Dismissal:

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you to Michelle Matthees for leading our music this evening!

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