

Children's Message

Homily - *What is the Law?* Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day & Offering: *"This Little Light Of Mine"* #677

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>.

Vs 1: This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs 2: Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs 3: Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord Amen.

Creed Hymn: *"I Believe, I Do Believe"* (please stand as you are able)

Vs 1: I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.

Vs 2: I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.

Vs 3: And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit.

Refrain: I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

The Prayers: (call and response)

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. *A brief silence.* One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, especially in areas threatened by ecological devastation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Redeemer, you delight in the human race. Move the hearts of world leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Roger Kurtti, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Dan Hedeem, Matt Ludwig, Jan Benidt, Neil Stehr, and Dave (Pud) Gnotke. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death. Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

The 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 and ever. Amen.

Meal and Hymns: *"Come To The Table"* 2X #481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Communion Prayer: (please stand as you are able)

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: P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymns: *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love

Verse 2: We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land [Chorus]

Verse 3: We will work with each other We will work side by side. We will work with each other
We will work side by side And we'll guard each man's dignity And save each man's pride [Chorus]

Verse 4: All praise to the Father From whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one [Chorus]

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Mid-Week Zion Worship



Pastor Eric Hanson
7:00PM • June 9, 2022

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #413 *(please stand as you are able)*

**Vs 1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!**

**Vs 2: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Vs 3: Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not
see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**Vs 4: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, forgives us all our sins. By grace you have been saved. May Almighty God, Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit, give you the power to live in His Grace.

C: Amen.

Preaching Text: Romans 7:14-25

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ I can anticipate the response that is coming: "I know that all God's commands are spiritual, but I'm not. Isn't this also your experience?" Yes. I'm full of myself – after all, I've spent a long time in sin's prison. What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary. ¹⁷⁻²⁰ But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time. ²¹⁻²³ It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. ²⁴ I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? ²⁵ The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different.

P: This is the word of our Lord, **C: Thanks be to God**