Song of the Day: "Children Of The Heavenly Father" #781

Offerings will be collected during the song 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: Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather.

 Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- Vs. 2: God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- Vs. 3: Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever. Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- Vs. 4: Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh. His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Offertory Prayer:

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

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: by Noah Melson (call and response)

L: Let us Pray....

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace:

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Meal & Hymns: "There Is A Longing"

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

Vs 1: For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Vs 2: For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Vs 3: For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Vs 4: Lord, save us, take pity, light in our deepest night.

We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth in word and deed. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Blessing: (*Please stand as you are able.*)

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

Sending: "Love, Love, Love!"

- Vs 1: Love, love! That's what it's all about! 'Cause God loves us, we love each other, mother, father, sister, brother. Ev'rybody sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all about! It's about love, love, love! It's about love, love! love!
- Vs 2: Peace, peace, peace! That's what it's all about! 'Cause God loves us, we love each other, mother, father, sister, brother. Ev'rybody sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all about! It's about peace, peace, peace! It's about peace, peace!
- Vs 3: Joy, joy! That's what it's all about! 'Cause God loves us, we love each other, mother, father, sister, brother. Ev'rybody sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all about! It's about joy, joy, joy! It's about joy, joy, joy!

Sending: P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God!

Thank you to the Melson family for ushering this evening.

Car Conversations: On the way home, consider asking each other, "What's one new thing I learned tonight?" "What's one thing that was challenging?"

Faith Five this week: Once this week consider doing this night-time devotion together: SHARE your highs and lows for the week. READ the piece of scripture from our Wednesday night service. TALK about what you learned this week in Edu-Worship around that scripture. PRAY for each other incorporating your highs and lows. BLESS each other with the sign of the cross on your foreheads.

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Mid-Week Edu-Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Thanksgiving for Baptism:

- P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Yet even as baptized children of God we often fall short. We do not love others as we hope to love and we sin against God & neighbor in thought, word, and deed. Tonight, we confess our sins, claiming our baptismal promises and trusting in the power of Christ to forgive and make us new. Silence for reflection and self-examination.
- 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, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. God has claimed you in your baptisms and makes you New each day. May we live as people who have been set free. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "God, We Gather As Your People"

- Vs 1: God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, and we dare to claim the promise of your love. Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.
- Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.

 May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside. For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.

 May that welcome be our song.
- Vs 2: Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be, that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest. [Refrain]
- Vs 3: Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear & shame, so afraid of who they are & whom they love. May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew. [Refrain]
- Vs 4: God, we're working for the future when children far & wide can live their lives with dignity and pride.

 As they grow in strength & stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. [Refrain]

Reading - The Apostles Creed, Article 3: John 14:15-19, 23-27 read by Hazel Volkmann and Lily Duden

- ¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.
- ²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Student Message: *by Hazel Volkmann and Lily Duden*

Student Question: Do you ask God to guide your life sometimes? How? Name some ways you've wanted God to guide you? Have you ever been confused about how God is guiding you? Tell a story about a confusing time in your life.

Teaching: Pastor Eric Hanson