

Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 10:45 A.M. 1st Sunday in Lent -- Promise of Relationship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Let it Be

When I find myself in times of trouble Mother Mary comes to me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be And in my hour of darkness She is standing right in front of me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the brokenhearted people Living in the world agree There will be an answer, let it be For though they may be parted There is still a chance that they will see There will be an answer, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be Yeah there will be an answer, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the night is cloudy There is still a light that shines on me Shine until tomorrow, let it be I wake up to the sound of music Mother Mary comes to me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah let it be There will be an answer, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah let it be Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING SONGS: Chain Breaker

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside There's a better life, There's a better life

> Chorus: If you've got pain... He's a pain taker If you feel lost... He's a way maker If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight We've all run to things that we know just ain't right And there's a better life, There's a better life

Chorus

If you believe it... If you receive it If you can feel it... Somebody testify

If you believe it... If you receive it If you can feel it... Somebody testify, testify

If you believe it... If you receive it If you can feel it... Somebody testify

Chorus

Out in the Wilderness

Driven by the Spirit, out in the wilderness driven by the Spirit, out in the wilderness when the Spirit says, "Go," you can't say, "No" You listen for the voice when you're bended low driven by the Spirit, out in the wilderness

Tempted by the devil, out in the wilderness tempted by the devil, out in the wilderness though you try to be strong, it's been so long He whispers in your ear and you know he's wrong tempted by the devil, out in the wilderness

Angels all around you, out in the wilderness angels all around you, out in the wilderness you are far from home where wild things roam There's danger ev'rywhere but you're not alone angels all around you, out in the wilderness

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL – Genesis 9 & Mark 1

¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to pray... through song, through silent reflection, through words, or anything else in between. May this song guide your prayers today. If you would like to lift prayers up so that others might pray, too, please do so in the comments section during our livestream worship.

Waymaker

You are here, moving in our midst I worship You, I worship You You are here, working in this place I worship You, I worship You Repeat

Chorus:

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are

> You are here, touching every heart I worship You, I worship You You are here, healing every heart I worship You, I worship You

> You are here, turning lives around I worship You, I worship You You are here, mending every heart I worship You, I worship You

> > Chorus

You wipe away all tears You mend the broken heart You're the answer to it all Jesus

Repeat

Chorus

You are here, touching every life I worship you, I worship you You are here, meeting every need I worship you, I worship you

Chorus

MEAL

We practice two sacraments in the Lutheran tradition: baptism and holy communion. These are celebrated in community, in public worship, where we can all participate and remember together: God is known for using ordinary earthly things (like water, bread, and wine) to make extraordinary promises (like forgiveness, salvation, healing and new life) to creation.

Today is a good reminder that this simple meal nourishes God's community across time and space. We would rather be with you in person for the sacrament today, but we trust Jesus to show up beyond our limitations, to meet us in this separation with a Spirit that unites, to feed us with the bread of life who is our source and strength.

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.

We don't serve ourselves communion because there's something holy about that promise coming from outside our own bodies, a perfect declaration from God spoken to us by our neighbor: This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you. If you are gathered together with others from your household, speak these words aloud when you serve each other. If you do not have someone in the room with you while you receive the sacrament, hear my voice as the external word of grace and invitation.

+ + *Receive the Meal* + +

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. We pause for prayer and reflection, offering time to commune one another.

SENDING

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Amazing Love (You Are My King)

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again Repeat

Amazing love, how can it be That You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true It's my joy to honor You Repeat In all I do, I honor You

You are my King... You are my King Jesus, You are my King... Jesus, You are my King

> Amazing love, how can it be That You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true It's my joy to honor You In all I do, I honor you

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

See you next week for worship livestream at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!



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Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns.

Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!