



Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 10:45 A.M.
3rd Sunday in Lent -- Promise of Belonging

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Word of God

Chorus: **The word of God is source and seed
The word of God is breath and life
The word of God is flesh and grace
Who comes to sing
to laugh and cry**

**So let the Spirit touch and mend and rouse
your dry bones from the grave and
dare to be as Jesus was
who came to live and love and die
(Repeat all)**

**The word of God is source and seed
It comes to die and sprout and grow
So make your dark earth welcome warm
Root deep the grain God bent to sow
The word of God is breath and life
It comes to heal and wake and save
So let the Spirit touch and mend
and rouse your dry bones from the grave
The word of God is flesh and grace
who comes to sing, to laugh and cry
So dare to be as Jesus was
who came to live and love and die**

Chorus (sung once)

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

My Glorious

**The world's shaking, with the love of God
Great and Glorious, let the whole earth sing
And all You ever do, is change the old for new
People, we believe that...**

*Chorus: God is bigger than the air I breathe
The world we'll leave
God will save the day, and all will say
My Glorious*

**Clouds are breaking, heavens come to earth
Hearts awakening, let the church bells ring
And all You ever do, is change the old for new
People, we believe that...**

Chorus

**My Glorious, my Glorious
My Glorious, my Glorious
My Glorious, my Glorious
My Glorious, my Glorious**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE – 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-14, 26-27

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Stadie

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 (sung twice):* 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**

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. Dwell in God's promises.
Thanks be to God.

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

*Join us on ZOOM for Lenten midweek services, Wednesdays at 7pm.
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and living the Gospel through service

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