

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 11, 2020
Zoar Church, Tofte, MN

Welcome and Announcements

October Mission: **Samaritan's Purse**

Drive-In Movie Night this week: **Harriet** (Shown on **Tuesday night at 7:00** this week only.)

Confession & Forgiveness From With One Voice

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence for Prayer and Contemplation)

Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: God of All My Days - CCLI # 7067569

Verse 1

I came to You with my heart in pieces
And found the God with healing in His hands
I turned to You put ev'rything behind me
And found the God who makes all things new
I look to You drowning in my questions
And found the God who holds all wisdom
And I trusted You and stepped out on the ocean
You caught my hand among the waves
'Cause You're the God of all my days

Verse 2

I ran from You and wandered in the shadows
And found a God who relentlessly pursues
I hid from You haunted by my failure
And found the God whose grace still covers me
I fell on You when I was at my weakest
And found the God the lifter of my head
And I've worshipped You and felt You right
beside me
You're the reason that I sing
'Cause You're the God of all my days

Chorus

Each step I take You make a way
And I will give You all my praise
My seasons change You stay the same
You're the God of all my days

Bridge

In my worry God You are my stillness
In my searching God You are my answers
In my blindness God You are my vision
In my bondage God You are my freedom
In my weakness God You are my power
You're the reason that I sing
'Cause You're the God of all my days

Ending

In my blindness God You are my vision
In my bondage God You are my freedom all my
days

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 1:11-20 (NIV)

“The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?” says the Lord.
“I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
Your New Moon feasts and your appointed
festivals
I hate with all my being.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;

even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.
Your hands are full of blood!
Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
“Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the Lord.
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the good things of the land;
but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.”
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6, 4:7-10 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Gospel: John 6:28-40 (NIV)

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”
Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”
So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”
Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”
Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I

have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Message: "Grace, Faith and Free Will " - Pastor Daren Blanck

Prayers

Petitions for peace, justice, and healing for the world, the church, our communities, our neighbors, medical workers, police, first responders, members of the armed forces, and victims of forest fires and floods.

The 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.

Hymn: Here's My Heart Lord - CCLI # 6517898

Chorus 1

Here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord
Speak what is true

Verse 2

'Cause You are strong You are sure
You are life You endure
You are good always true
You are light breaking through

Chorus 2

Here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord
Speak what is true
Here's my life Lord
Here's my life Lord
Here's my life Lord
Speak what is true
Speak what is true
Speak what is true

Verse 1

'Cause I am found I am Yours
I am loved I'm made pure
I have life I can breathe
I am healed I am free

Bridge

You are more than enough
You are here You are love
You are hope You are grace
You're all I have You're everything

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Closing Hymn: To the Table - CCLI # 7055780

Verse 1

Hear the voice of love that's calling
There's a chair that waits for you
And a friend who understands
Everything you're going through

Verse 2

But you keep standing at a distance
In the shadows of your shame
But there's a light of hope that's shining
Won't you come and take your place

Verse 3

He can see the weight you carry
The fears that hold your heart
But through the cross you've been
forgiven
You're accepted as you are

Chorus 1

And bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your sin all your sorrow
And your sadness
There's a Savior and He calls
Bring it all to the table

Chorus 2

So bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your trials all your worries
And your burdens
There's a Savior and He calls
Bring it all to the table

Bridge

Come on in take your place
There's no one who's turned away
All you sinners all you saints
Come right in and find your grace

Benediction and Sending

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia.

Sending Hymn: Let Me Be - CCLI # 4859479

Chorus

Lord You are the maker of my heart
Framer and re-shaper of my soul
Master and creator
Healer and sustainer
I will put my trust in You alone
Teach me to be faithful to confess
In this way my spirit will be blessed
Though my sins are daily
You have loved me greatly
Removing them as far as east from west

Verse 1

Let me be open let me be humble
Let me find the joy of my salvation in Your cross
Let me be broken whenever I stumble
Let me remember the great mercy of my God

Verse 2

Give me the full measure of Your grace
As it is reflected in the Word
Faith and reassurance mercy and endurance
I'll carry these to those who haven't heard

Verse 3

All I have needed is laid at Your table
All my achievements I lay at Your feet
Alive in Your Spirit I'm willing and able
You make my joy complete