

*Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023*

*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Gathering Song: "Morning Has Broken"** - Worship & Praise # 98

**V1:** Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

**V2:** Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

**V3:** Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**Welcome & Opening Prayer** (May Mission: **Bethel Church/Chichillapy Village, Peru**)

Pastor: *In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

**Congregation: Amen**

Pastor: *The Lord be with you*

**Congregation: And also with you**

**Confession** (From With One Voice)

*P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us 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.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

*P: 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 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 Song: "I Have Been Redeemed"** - CCLI # 3447404

When I am lost  
When I am all alone  
Burdened by my sin and shame  
There's one place I can go

I look towards the cross  
Where my Savior died  
Suffered in my place  
The perfect sacrifice  
For me so I can know

Now I am forgiven  
I have been set free  
Through the blood of Jesus  
I have been made clean  
Now I know of His mercy because He  
died for me

**Praise Song: "Even If" - CCLI # 6221490**

**V1:** Sometimes all we have to hold on to  
Is what we know is true of who You are  
So when the heartache hits like a hurricane  
That could never change who You are  
And we trust in who You are

**V2:** Lord we know Your ways are not our ways  
So we set our faith in who You are  
Even though You reign high above us  
You tenderly love us  
We know Your heart  
And we rest in who You are

**Bridge** You're still the great and mighty one  
We trust You always  
You're working all things for our good  
We'll sing Your praise

**Chorus:** Even if the healing doesn't come  
And life falls apart  
And dreams are still undone  
You are God You are good  
Forever faithful One  
Even if the healing  
Even if the healing doesn't come

**Ending** You are God and we will bless You  
As the good and faithful One  
You are God and we will bless You  
Even if the healing doesn't come  
Even if the healing doesn't come

**Psalm: Psalm 130 (NKJV)**

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice!  
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.  
If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.  
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord, More than those who watch for the morning—  
Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy,  
And with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel  
From all his iniquities.

**Epistle Lesson: 2 Cor 10:13-18, 12:6-10 (NIV)**

We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the sphere of service God himself has assigned to us, a sphere that also includes you. We are not going too far in our boasting, as would be the case if we had not come to you, for we did get as far as you with the gospel of Christ. Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. For we do not want to boast about work already done in someone else's territory. But, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends...  
Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Gospel Readings: Matt 6:9-15,7:7-11, 21:22 (NIV)**

*[Jesus taught them,] “This, then, is how you should pray:*

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,[but deliver us from the evil one.”*

*“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins..*

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

*“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*

*... If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”*

*P: The Word of God for the people of God*

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Message “Ora et Labora” - Pastor Daren Blanck**

**Prayers & 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*

**The Creed: "This I Believe" - CCLI #7018338**

Our Father everlasting,  
The all creating One, God Almighty.  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender,  
Suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high

*I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

*I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One*

*This I believe in the Name of Jesus*

**Communion**

*Please come forward during the communion song and take a cup of wine or grape juice and a wafer back to your seats. If you are joining us at home, please use your own bread or crackers and wine or juice. We believe the Lord's Supper is a "means of grace" offered freely to all who seek Him. Please join us.*

**Communion Song: "Come to the Table" - CCLI # 7036352**

**V1:** *We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in*

**Pre-Chorus**

*Just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us*

**Chorus:** *(He said) come to the table  
Come join the sinners  
who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
(Come to the table)*

**Ending**

*Woah sit down and be set free  
Come to the table  
Come to the table  
Just sit down and rest awhile  
Just sit down and rest awhile  
Come to the table*

**V2:** *Come meet this motley crew of misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near*

**Bridge:** *To the thief and to the doubter*

*To the hero and the coward  
To the pris'ner and the soldier  
To the young and to the older  
All who hunger all who thirst  
All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princes  
All who've failed you've been forgiven  
All who dream and all who suffer  
All who've loved and lost another  
All the chained and all the free  
All who follow all who lead  
Anyone who's been let down  
All the lost you have been found  
All who've been labeled right or wrong  
To ev'ryone who hears this song*

**Words of Institution and Prayer of Thanksgiving** (From "With One Voice")

P: Holy and merciful God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

**C: Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to his, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever,

**C: Amen**

**Announcements & Benediction**

**Sending Song: "Everlasting God"** - CCLI # 4556538

**Verse:**

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord*

**Pre-Chorus:** *Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliverer*

**Chorus**

*You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary*

**Ending**

*You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

**Sending**

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

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

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