

August 7, 2022 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32

(Standing)

Gathering Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"

Blue Book Page 782

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount— I'm fixed upon it— mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love, here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Liturgy: Reign of Christ

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Great is the Lord,

And greatly to be praised!

Let the people of the Lord praise the holy and righteous One. On the Day of the Lord, justice will roll on like a river, and righteousness like a never-failing stream.

Almighty God, we lift our hearts to you; and our eyes are fixed upon your unchanging glory. We rejoice in the promise of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and majesty.

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

Lift up your heads to the com-ing King. Bow be-fore him and a-dore him, sing. To his maj-es-ty let your prais-es be pure and ho-ly, giv-ing glo-ry to the King of Kings.

We give thanks to you, Redeemer God, for our Lord Jesus Christ, who came in quietness and humility, but who will come again with power and for all to see. Our Lord Jesus' coming again is a two-edged sword. It comforts us, convinces us anew that your grace is beyond measure. Yet it also confronts us, compels us to recognize our own unrighteousness. Let us put aside our false pride, confess our sins, and receive your affirming love.

(Sitting)

Please join me:

Gracious Father, we confess that all too often we do not think of our coming King. We do not live our lives in the expectant and obedient waiting to which your word summons us. Too often we do not live with the sense of urgency for the task you have set before your church. We put off bringing the gospel to the world and living out your kingdom's values of justice and righteousness. Forgive us, loving Lord. Cleanse us and fill us with your Spirit and with power, so that at Christ's triumphant return we may be counted worthy to stand before you with people of all tongues and nations. Amen.

Thanks be to God, who has loved us from the beginning, and who promises that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and will purify us from all unrighteousness.

Our Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. Let us rejoice in his salvation."

ELLESDIE

Lord, we look for your re-turn-ing, teach us so to walk your ways, hearts and minds your will dis-cern-ing, lives a-light with joy and praise. In your love and care en-fold us, by your con-stan-cy up-hold us; may your mer-cy, Lord and Fa-ther, keep us now and all our days.

We believe that our Lord Jesus, who ascended into heaven after his resurrection, will come again in the same way.

The Lord himself will come from heaven with a loud command, with his voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

When Christ returns, he will establish justice and righteousness in the earth. He will bring to fulfillment the kingdom of God, and he will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In that day, at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We believe the day of Christ's return will be one of rejoicing and vindication for God's people, but will also be a day of judgment for those who have rejected Christ's reign. We believe our loving God desires that none should perish, and so we ask to be empowered with zeal and humility to proclaim the word of truth in a world too often unaware of coming judgment.

We join with the saints throughout the ages in declaring: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

HOW GREAT THOU ART

When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

(Standing)

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, indeed by all the saints who have gone before us, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Christ, Bringer of Justice, we ask for courage and boldness to stand by the poor and oppressed: to work for justice in this present world as we anticipate your perfect justice to come.

Christ, Hope of the World, we ask that your Holy Spirit move among those who have yet to hear, that their hearts may be softened and prepared for the message of the gospel.

Christ, Lord of the Church, we ask for help for your church to live as we truly are - a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you, who live to declare your praises, for you called us out of darkness into your wonderful light.

BECHLER

Sing hal-le-lu-jah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheer-ful voice; ex-alt our God with one ac-cord, and in his name re-joice. Ne'er cease to sing, O ran-somed host; praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, un-til in realms of end-less light your prais-es shall u-nite.

There we to all e-ter-ni-ty shall join th'an-gel-ic lays, and sing in per-fect har-mo-ny to God our Sav-ior's praise; he has re-deemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God; for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts to God

(Standing)

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Blue Book Page 817

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen

Prayer of Blessing: (All) Jesus you are our King, our Savior and Lord. Thank you for the many blessings that you have poured out upon us. Receive our thanksgiving offering this day and use it all for building up your kingdom on

earth. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

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: "To God Who Gave the Scriptures"

Blue Book Page 508 v 1,2

To God who gave the scriptures we bring thanks today for light up on life's journey, a lamp to lead the way; a sword to face the tempter, a seed of life divine, a glimpse of heaven's glory up on our souls to shine.

To God who gave the scriptures we sing salvation songs, for laws of truth and judgement to right our human wrongs; a word to stand for ever, which faith and light impart, a fire of love unchanging to burn with in our hearts.

God's Word for Today:

Psalm 33:12-22

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Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 (*responsive reading*)

Pew Bible Page 1262

1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was now t made out of what was visible.

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith Abraham, even though he was past age-and Sarah herself was barren-was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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Ascription of Praise: Praise, praise, praise, praise be to you, to you O Christ

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Message: "People Get Ready"

Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Hymn Response to the Message: "God Sent His Son"

Blue Book Page 706

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus, he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Benediction

Sending Hymn: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

Blue Book Page 522

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode; on the rock of ages founded, what can shake your sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded you may smile at all your foes.

Blessed inhabitants of Zin, washed in the Redeemer's blood! Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God; 'tis his love his people raises in his courts to reign as kings, and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank off'ring brings.

Savior, since Zion's city I through grace a member am, let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name. Fading are the worldling's pleasures, all their boasted pomp and show; solid joys and lasting treasures non but Zion's children know.

Postlude

Prayers : Adam, Katie, Desmond B, Carly B, Bilbao Family, Joseph B, George Bryant and Family, Clark Family, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, Cascio Family, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Julianna D, Joseph D, Jessica D, Harry E, Barbara F, Jonathan F, Lisa F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G, Thomas G, Janice H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Robert K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Giuliana L, Sam L, Juliana M, Mary M, Susan M, Robert M, Vincent M, Silvia N, Stephen N, Nicole, Anthony O, Odeerni Family, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Gemma P, Powell Family, Thomas P, Tom P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Rhonda R, Mary R, Norma S, Muriel T, Sandy, Joy, Tommy, Ware Family, and all caretakers **(Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)**

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