

Order of Worship

July 26th 2020 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,

Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,

Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

[WS #166. "My Lord He Is A Comin' Soon"](#)

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Get ev'rything ready for that day

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 1

If you're asleep it's time to wake up

Awake O sleeper arise

If you're in the dark it's time to be lit

Awake O sleeper arise

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Get ev'rything ready for that day

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 2

Come Lord Jesus come into my heart

Prepare ye the way of the King

He is coming He's coming soon

Prepare the way of the King

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Get ev'rything ready for that day

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Music for Meditation

Opening Prayer

Holy God, your word gives light and understanding to all;
we open ourselves to you in prayer
and find you already in our hearts,
leading us in the way of justice, compassion, and peace;
calling us to find you in our neighbors' need as well.
We give thanks. **Amen.**

Special Music

Flammende Rose, Zierde der Erden, HWV. 210, from *Neun deutsche Arien*, no. 9
Georg Friedrich Händel & Barthold Heinrich Brockes

Scripture Reading

Matt Dube, reader

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSV)

13:31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
13:32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."
13:33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."
13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
13:46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
13:48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
13:50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
13:51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."
13:52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Real Kingdom. Real Church.
Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Ellen Dube, reader

Offertory

Ave Stella Matutina
Lucrezia Vizzana

Doxology

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

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Communion

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

[Hear The Call of the Kingdom](#)

Verse 1

Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Verse 2

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

Chorus

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

Verse 3

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

Chorus

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

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Back Talk

Closing Prayer *(Rev. Susan A. Blain)*

God, you call us to find your kin-dom
already hidden in our world—
in tiny, transforming possibilities;
in beauty that calls us to surrender all;
in complicated choices that call for wisdom.
Heighten our senses that we may find you
And join you in building this kin-dom of love, and hope, and peace. **Amen.**

Blessing

Postlude

"Notre amour" Op 23 No 2

Gabriel Urbain Fauré

Our love in action now begins...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Helena Webster & Ben McMurray.