

Order of Worship

May 16th 2021 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Gather around,
you are welcome here,
where we will hear Good News.
In a world
where there are so many
discouraging and negative voices
**it is the God of encouragement
who will speak to us today.
The God of Jesus Christ.**
So come in, relax,
let your tiredness roll away.
**We lift up our hearts, and listen.
Amen.**

— written by Ann Siddall

Hymn of Praise

How Can I Keep From Singing

Verse 1

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your
praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your
name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives

And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your
praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your
name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord

When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your
praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your
name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart

Ending

I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing
Yeah I can sing

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we say that we want you to come and be among us. And yet we acknowledge that you already are among us, fully and completely at all times. We say that we want Jesus to return and we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." And yet, we confess our fears and uncertainty about the return of Christ and what it will mean for us and for the world. Jesus prayed that we might be one with you and with each other. And yet, so often, if we are honest, we wish to remain separate from you, maintaining our independence and control. We resist the burden of being unified with those around us, especially when those around us want different things than we do or pull us in directions we do not wish to go. Soften our resistance, gracious Lord, and draw us into an authentic relationship with you and true community with one another. We pray this in the name of your Son, who prayed and still prays for us.

Amen.

~ from the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Special Music

Brand New Day

Ellen Stapenhorst

Scripture Reading

—, Reader

John 17:6-19

New Revised Standard Version

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

When Jesus Offers Thoughts and Prayers

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

—, Reader

Offertory

First Days of Spring

Ellen Stapenhorst

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling;
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion,
Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation,
Let your love in us endure.

2. Come, almighty to deliver;
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore your temples leave.
Lord, we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without
ceasing,
Glory in your precious love.

3. Finish then your new creation,
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;
Let us see your great salvation
Perfectly in you restored.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we sing before the almighty,
Lost in wonder, love and praise!

Back Talk

Closing Prayer

We go now in the comfort and peace
of the One who gave birth to us.
We go in the assurance
that the Comforter is with us always.
We go to give comfort and peace to others.
Divine Wisdom guide us as we go forth
on Her paths of peace.
May She give us blessings more precious
than silver or gold (*Proverbs 3:13-15, 17*).
May we find joy in sharing these blessings with others.
May Wisdom empower us to change our world!
Amen.

– written by Jann Aldredge-Clanton

Blessing

Postlude

Power of Love
Ellen Stapenhorst

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

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