

**Order of Worship**  
November 7th 2021 ~ 24th Sunday After Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

In the midst of the world's chaos  
**come to this place and find peace.**  
When your mind is overwhelmed with what you see  
**come to this place and find hope.**  
If your heart is heavy, with fear, with worry, with sorrow,  
**come to this place and find strength.**  
As you long for community in a world that is torn apart,  
**come to this place and find love.**

Come people of God,  
and in this place, in this moment,  
find peace, hope, strength and love,  
**as we worship and pray together. Amen.**

~ by Rev. Nora Vedress

**Hymn of Praise**

*How Long*

**Verse 1**

We have sung our songs of vict'ry  
We have prayed to You for rain  
We have cried for Your compassion  
To renew the land again  
Now we're standing in Your  
presence  
More hungry than before  
Now we're on Your steps of mercy  
And we're knocking at Your door

**Chorus 1**

How long before You drench the  
barren land  
How long before we see Your  
righteous hand  
How long before Your name is lifted  
high  
How long before the weeping turns  
To songs of joy

**Verse 2**

Lord we know Your heart is broken  
By the evil that You see  
And You've stayed Your hand of  
judgement  
For You plan to set men free  
But the land is still in darkness  
And we've fled from what is right  
We have failed the silent children  
Who will never see the light

**Chorus 1**

How long before You drench the  
barren land  
How long before we see Your  
righteous hand  
How long before Your name is lifted  
high  
How long before the weeping turns  
To songs of joy

**Verse 3**

But I know a day is coming  
When the deaf will hear His voice  
When the blind will see their Saviour  
And the lame will leap for joy  
When the widow finds a husband  
Who will always love His bride  
And the orphan finds a Father  
Who will never leave her side

**Chorus 2**

How long before Your glory lights  
the skies  
How long before Your radiance lifts  
our eyes  
How long before Your fragrance fills  
the air  
How long before the earth resounds  
With songs of joy

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## Opening Prayer

God of the Widow at Zarephath,  
God of Joseph the Forgiver,  
we stand in awe of people who showed hospitality  
in the midst of sacrifice and betrayal.  
Take us deep into the heart of hospitality.  
Help us to understand that the generosity the world needs  
often demands sacrifice on our part.  
Be with those who have never known a table  
blessed by laughter and welcome,  
who have seldom heard affirmations  
and who do not know your abiding love.  
Remind us, O God, that we are to set many tables,  
to speak blessings often  
and to be your love in the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

~Cynthia Langston Kirk, © 2011

## Special Music

*Don't Want To Play That Song No More*  
K. Walker & M. Elliott

## Scripture Reading

Chriss Flynn, Reader

### ***Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17***

#### **NRSV**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### ***Mark 12:38-44***

#### **NRSV**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*Paradoxical Living*

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

## Pastoral Prayer

### Prayers of the People

Chriss Flynn, Reader

### Offertory

*Sacrifice*

L. Rabon & C. Nole

### 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

*Lord Have Mercy*

#### Verse 1

Jesus I've forgotten  
The words that You have spoken  
Promises that burned within my heart  
Have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart I follow  
The paths of earthly wisdom  
Forgive me for my unbelief  
Renew the fire again

#### Chorus

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

#### Verse 2

I have built an altar

Where I've worshipped things of man  
I have taken journeys  
That have drawn me far from You  
Now I am returning  
To Your mercies ever flowing  
Pardon my transgressions  
Help me love You again

#### Chorus

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

#### Verse 3

I have longed to know You  
And all Your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness

Ever flowing without end  
So I bow my heart before You  
In the goodness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining  
Like a beacon in the night

#### Chorus

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

#### Chorus

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

### **Closing Prayer**

May we have courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones;  
and when we have laboriously accomplished our daily tasks, let us sleep in peace. God is awake.

**Amen.**

– Victor Hugo

### **Blessing**

### **Postlude**

### **Our love in action now begins...**

Our Sunday School is next...

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