

Order of Worship
February 12th 2023 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy

Jesus will give us rest

Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace

Christ will give us peace

Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus

For our Savior will give us rest in our souls

Come, let us worship our God

Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

Amen.

~ written by Rev. Mindi

Hymn of Praise

How Long

WS #114

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

Come to me, all you who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death!
On you has the light shone!
For Jesus Christ is the light of the world
and this is the story;
the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness could not put it out!
Jesus said,
“I am the resurrection and the life.
I am the bright and morning star.”
We join with the angels in their hymns of praise;
Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace, Alleluia!
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Amen.

— written by Carole Penner

Scripture Reading

Paige Strecker, reader

Leviticus 23:1-2: 4; 22 **New Living Translation**

23 The Lord said to Moses, 2 “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. These are the Lord’s appointed festivals, which you are to proclaim as official days for holy assembly.
4 “In addition to the Sabbath, these are the Lord’s appointed festivals, the official days for holy assembly that are to be celebrated at their proper times each year.
22 “When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. Leave it for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God.”

John 11:29-39 **New International Version**

29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus.30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.
32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 “Where have you laid him?” he asked.
“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.
35 Jesus wept.
36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”
37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”
38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.
39 “Take away the stone,” he said.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Waypoints of Faith in a World of Joy and Pain, Part 3 of 3
Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Robin Strecker, Reader

Offertory

Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is a Season)
Pete Seeger

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.

Closing Hymn

Like A River Glorious
RH #737

Verse 1

Like a river glorious is God's perfect
peace
Over all victorious in its bright
increase
Perfect yet it floweth fuller every day
Perfect yet it groweth deeper all the
way

Chorus

Stayed upon Jehovah hearts are
fully blest

Finding as He promised perfect
peace and rest

Verse 2

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed
hand
Never foe can follow never traitor
stand
Not a surge of worry not a shade of
care
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit
there

Verse 3

Every joy or trial falleth from above
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of
Love
We may trust Him fully all for us to
do
They who trust Him wholly find Him
wholly true

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Closing Prayer

1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

7 The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress. 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; 11 The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Amen.

~ From Psalm 46 (NIV)

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by,
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Greeters – The Strecker family

Scripture readers – Paige Strecker, Dave Ressler

Prayers of the People – Robin Strecker

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