

Order of Worship

November 26th, 2023 ~ 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Friends of God, believe this –
God loved the world,
**God loves the world,
we are the beloved!**

May the truth of this great love story,
**shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling.**

So come, with your tiredness,
your frustrations and your discouragements;
come with your doubts, your fears,
and your longings;
**come, to discover yet again
how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.**

Come, in friendship to God
and to each other,
**and in friendship to the world,
to listen for God's Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling.**

Friends of God,
let us worship!
Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Before You I Kneel
WS #24

Verse 1

Before You I kneel my Master and
Maker
To offer the work of my hands
For this is the day You've given Your
servant
I will rejoice and be glad
For the strength I have to live and
breathe
For each skill Your grace has given
me
For the needs and opportunities
That will glorify Your great name

Verse 2

Before You I kneel and ask for Your
goodness
To cover the work of my hands
For patience and peace to shape all
my labor
Your grace for thorns in my path
Flow within me like a living stream
Wear away the stones of pride and
greed
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in
me
And a harvest of life is grown

Verse 3

Before You we kneel our Master and
Maker
Establish the work of our hands
And order our steps to seek first
Your kingdom
In every small and great task
May we live the gospel of Your
grace
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting
days
Then our lives will bring eternal
praise
And all glory to Your great name
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Opening Prayer

Blow, wind of God,
Blow away the tight rules that hold me back from trusting, risking, loving
Blow away the part of me that stands in the way of encountering my neighbors
Ready me for birth
Prepare me for risk
Equip me with courage and vision for the new thing that waits around the corner
We cannot choose the stories we have inherited
But we can choose the stories that we become. **Amen.**

Special Music

The Blackest Crow with Billie In the Lowground

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

NIV

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Characters and Connection

Coulter Burch, Director of Youth, Family, and Outdoor Ministries

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Black Orpheus

Luiz Bonfa

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

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

Open My Eyes

Verses

1, 5. Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

2. Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

3. Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

Bridge

And the first shall be last,
and our eyes are opened
and we'll hear like never before.

And we'll speak in new ways,
and we'll see God's face
in places we've never known.

4. I live within you.
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

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Closing Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness and protect you in the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing.

Amen.

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Delaney Meyers & Ashton Taufer,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar - Sue de Campo
Greeters - Bob Wolfe and Jessica Coxon
Scripture & Prayers of the People - Chriss Flynn
Communion/ Collection Plate - Bob Wolfe & Richard de Campo

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