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Online worship

Stewardship 2020-21: *Holy Currencies*



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Beloit, Wisconsin

Worship Bulletin

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GATHERING – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

***People:* Amen.**

Pastor: We confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.

***People:* Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus opens wide God's door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the abundant promises of God's blessings – that keep flowing eternally.

***People:* Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Oh, Worship the King

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***All:* Amen.**

WORD – *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

⁴²The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. ⁴³A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were united and shared everything. ⁴⁵They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. ⁴⁶Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. ⁴⁷They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-7

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and prepare a place for them.

¹"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ²My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? ³When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. ⁴You know the way to the place I'm going."

⁵Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." ⁷If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR LUCY WYNARD

SONG OF THE DAY

Christ Is the King! (verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

ELW 662

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1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - jice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
 2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
 3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
 5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
 ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
 seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
 earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud. We join together in lifting our prayers to God.

Intercessor: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Intercessor: Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all ministries of this congregation, and others in this community, through which we seek to share the blessings you have poured out on us to meet the needs of all. Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create. Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great

Intercessor: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your kingdom of unity and reconciliation. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on the elderly, middle-aged, children and youth throughout the church. Open the eyes of each one to know the gifts you've given them, nurture those gifts, and sustain the flow of blessings, so that all may be healed, strengthened and included in your Kingdom. Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. We pray for those who do not have enough money and so suffer; we pray for those who are addicted to their money, and so suffer. Meet each of us in our suffering, show us the abundance you have to offer, take from us the false gifts we cling to and replace them with gifts that can flow in never-ending goodness. Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray especially for all those on our prayer list and those on our hearts, who we name before you now: . . . (long pause) . . . Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick; who taught children and adults, offered musical gifts, kept the books and cleaned the building; who loved their neighbors, welcomed the stranger, and worked to make this congregation a place of safety for all. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in every time and place. Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: 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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

You are invited – and encouraged – to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshipping apart. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those around you – observing safe distance guidelines. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ's Peace this week. Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

SENDING – <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i>
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SENDING SONG

Shout to the North

Written by Martin Smith

Verse 1

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Verse 2

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 3

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Bridge

We've been through fire
 We've been through rain
 We've been refined
 By the pow'r of His name
 We've fallen deeper in love with You
 You've burned the truth on our lips

Ending

Lord of heaven and earth
 Lord of heaven and earth
 Lord of heaven and earth

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SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

For our sending blessing in November, in honor of our introduction to the Holy Currencies, we'll be using Eric Law's adaptation of the doxology.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Circling through earth so all may grow
 Vanquishing fear so all may give
 Widening grace so all may live.**

Pastor: The blessing of God – Giver of life, ✝ Savior of all, and Source of wisdom and breath – bless you and lead you into the way of ever-flowing blessings.

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

***People:* Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries by Eric H.F. Law.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor

Organist & Director of Music

Reader

Intercessor

Rev. Lucy Wynard

David Frank

Chet Organ

Henry Pann

PRAYER LIST

Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested. To have yourself or someone else added to the prayer list, please let us know.

Juelane (sister of Mark Mueller); **Larry M.** (Soup Lunch friend of St. Paul); **Joyce E.**; **Carol M.**; **Jeanette B.**; **Steve H.**; **Timothy** (son of Gladys Weeden); **Carol W.** (sister of Beth Rodermel); **Shirley** (mother of Ken Harris); **Ashley**; **Debbie** (sister of Chet Organ); **Todd** (friend of Chet Organ); **all those affected by Covid-19 and by the violence in our nation and around the world, and friends and family in the military.**



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 while an - gels de - light to h̄ymn you a - bove,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 the num - ber cre - 'a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

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