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EPHESIANS:
PEOPLE IN
CHRIST

THE GIFT

July 19, 2020

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all;

People: And also with you.

Opening Song

Thrive

Mark Hall | Matthew West

CCLI Song # 7006228; © 2014 My Refuge Music

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry

Pre-Chorus: So living water flowing through; God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls; With one desire

Chorus: Just to know You and to make You known; We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive; We were made to thrive

Into Your Word we're digging deep; To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out; To show them who You are

Bridge: Joy unspeakable; Faith unsinkable; Love unstoppable; Anything is possible

Responsive Reading

Psalm 95:1-7a

Come, let us sing to the LORD!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

For the LORD is a great God,

a great King above all gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

and the mightiest mountains.

The sea belongs to him, for he made it.

His hands formed the dry land, too.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,

For he is our God

And we are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.

Lion and the Lamb

Music by Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring
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He's coming on the clouds; Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break; As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Chorus: Our God is the Lion; The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb; The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates; Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save; Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Bridge: Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Kids Time

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Gift

Offering

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hasting and Dean Ussher
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I cast my mind to Calvary; Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet; My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears; They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone; Messiah still and all alone

Chorus: O praise the Name of the Lord our God; O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise; Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn; The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting; The angels roar for Christ the King (Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white; The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints; My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face (Chorus)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

The Blessing

Music by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick
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The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen

May his favor be upon you; And a thousand generations
And your family, and your children; And their children, and their children

May his presence go before you; And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you; He is with you; He is with you

In the morning; In the evening; In your coming and your going
In your weeping; and rejoicing; He is for you; He is for you.

Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

Scripture for Meditation

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Prelude

Praise the Lord

(from *Olivet* by Ludwig van Beethoven)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all;

People: And also with you.

Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

#572

(verses 1, 3, and 5)

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

5 Let all who name Christ's holy name; give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know his power proclaim; aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory!

Responsive Reading

Psalm 133:1-3; 6-8b

I give you thanks, O LORD, with all my heart;
I will sing your praises before the gods.

I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.

I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness;

For your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.

As soon as I pray, you answer me;
you encourage me by giving me strength.

**Though the LORD is great, he cares for the humble,
but he keeps his distance from the proud.**

Though I am surrounded by troubles,
you will protect me from the anger of my enemies.

**You reach out your hand,
and the power of your right hand saves me.**

The LORD will work out his plans for my life—
for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Announcements

Anthem

Esurientes implevit bonis

(from Magnificat by J.S. Bach)

Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Gift

Offering

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

(Allen/Cherwien)

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation. but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

No. 876

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door;
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

(John A. Behnke)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon

Worship Leader/Liturgy

Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People (9:30 am)

Director of Music & Soloist

Pianist

Guitarist

Worship Band (9:30 am)

Interim Organist (11:00 am)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Rev. Greg Buell

Elaine Holmquist (9:30 am)

Sandy Mauk (11:00 am)

Rich Blue

Ruth G. Heald

Jim Peterson

Carl Tobias

Ellen Westel, Renate Graham, Deb Valkenaar and Greg Dill

Sharon Peterson

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Week 5: The Gift Ephesians 3:1-13

Opening Discussion:

- What is the difference between a person's occupation and their calling? Is your occupation different from your calling? Explain.

Digging Deeper:

- Read Ephesians 3:1-13.
- How does Paul describe his calling in verses 1-2 and 7?
- What was the good news of Jesus Christ (also called the mystery of Christ) as it related to the Gentiles? (See verses 3-6.)
- What is the nature of his calling? What is he called to do? Why do you think this was such a radical thing to do in his time? (See especially verses 8-10.)
- In what way was Paul's calling unique to him? In what ways is evangelism the calling for every Christian?
- What do verses 11 and 12 say about Jesus and our access to God? Why is this so significant and central to the Christian faith?
- Why does Paul willingly suffer for the sake of the Ephesians? (See verse 13.)

Life Application:

- What do you sense your calling to be within the Church of Jesus Christ? How has God gifted you for this work?
- Who might God be calling you to be "an apostle" to in your family, neighborhood, work and community?
- How regularly do you personally approach God and come into his presence? In what ways do you do this? When you do, to what degree do you do it with "boldness and confidence?" What might inhibit your ability to approach God in this way?

Suggestions for Prayer:

- Pray for wisdom and guidance as you continue to seek out your calling in Christ.
- Make a list of those people in your life who don't have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives as well as for opportunities to share your faith with them.
- Pray that God would remove any barriers in your heart that keep you from approaching him regularly.