

July 5, 2020 9:30 am

Asterisks (*) in the worship order are invitations to stand, if able.

*******Regulars and visitors alike, thank you for being here and bringing your worship to share with us. To enhance everyone's worship experience, please silence your cell phones. Thanks for helping.

PRELUDE

“COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS“

Sherry Friedel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

(We share a communal time of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship. Worship Leader will end the silence with an Amen.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For God alone my soul awaits in silence, for my hope comes from God.

All: Only God is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken or afraid.

One: Trust in the Lord at all times O People; pour out your heart before God.

All: Our trust is in God. We come together today to worship together in God's Name.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that whoever would believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are a God of compassion and mercy, hear us as we confess our failings before you. Your Son Preached repentance, but we tend to hesitate. The coming of your kingdom is proclaimed, yet we get stuck in our past. We do not turn around from those things that hold us back; we fail to reach out to you. We do not turn from the evil things we do, nor do we let go of those treasures through which we gain status in this life. While we say we obey you, our deeds betray us...So, now Lord, by your grace, touch us, renew us, and cleanse us from the power of sin. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, Hear the Good News: “The time has come and the Kingdom of God is near; Repent and believe in the Good News. God is merciful and just, and through Christ promises redemption to all who believe. As we turn from our old ways and respond in faith to Christ's call, we receive the assurance that we shall be saved through HIM.

Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! AMEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL“

Sherry Friedel

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 86: 15-17

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

GOSPEL: Matt. 5: 1-12; 18: 21-35

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

SERMON “Blessed Are the Merciful”

Pastor Ken Ribe

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/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

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“ MERRY GO ROUND OF LIFE “

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