

Gathering/Call to Worship Hymn #614 "Great Are You, Lord"

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

Great are you, Lord! Great are you Lord! Repeat

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Together we worship God and together we pray:

Great is your love, Blessed Jesus, companion of all people! Broken, you touch us to make us whole; tear-stained, you share our pain and struggles; peace-giver, you replace our bitterness with hope; gentle teacher, you transform our unbelief into service. God in community, Holy in One, teach us to live in community with each other. Sovereign God, help us to live interdependently, united in compassion and joy, as we lift our prayers to you this morning in praise and wonder. Amen.

Hymn #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

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**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.**

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

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Text: Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836. Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859.

A Litany of Praise and our Prayer of Confession

We join together in a litany of praise and supplication from Psalm 48

In the city belonging to our God,

The Lord is great and so worthy of praise!

His holy mountain is a beautiful summit, the joy of the whole world.

Mount Zion, in the far north, is the city of the great king.

God is in its fortifications,

revealing himself as a place of safety.

Look: the kings assembled themselves, advancing all together--

when they saw it they were stunned; they panicked and ran away frightened.

Trembling took hold of them right there--

like a woman giving birth, or like the east wind when it smashes the ships of Tarshish.

Just like we had heard, now we've seen it for ourselves

in the city of the Lord of heavenly forces, in the city of God.

May God make it secure forever!

We dwell on your faithful love, God, in your temple.

Your praise, God, just like your reputation, extends to the far corners of the earth.

Your strong hand is filled with righteousness.

Let Mt. Zion be glad;

let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your acts of justice.

Walk around Zion;

go all the way around it; count its towers.

Examine its defenses closely;

tour its fortifications so that you may tell future generations:

This is God, our God, forever and always!

He is the one who will lead us even to the very end.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Hear our individual prayers of confession...

By your loving mercy, help us live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Hymn# 741 "Guide My Feet"

1. Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race for I don't want to run this race in vain!

2. Hold my hand... 3. Stand by me.... 4. I'm your child... 5. Search my heart... 6. Guide my feet...

Text: African American Spiritual

Music: African American Spiritual arranged by Wendell P. Whalum, 1864

Scripture

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Mark 6:1-13

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Message

"Prophecy Begins at Home"

The Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein

An Affirmation of Faith-- The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Offerings of Time, Talent and Treasure

Prayers of the People

God of salvation, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are lost in our day, receiving these petitions and thanksgivings with your unending compassion.

After each petition the leader says: Hear our prayer, O God.

And the people respond: **Your mercy is great**

Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. Amen.

Together let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears...

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore his death and resurrection...

And let the church say, Amen. **Amen!**

Send your Holy Spirit... And let the church say, Amen. **Amen!**

Join our prayers and praise... Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Communion of God's People

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

**Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

let us march on till victory is won.

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

Text: James Weldon Johnson, 1900; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905.

Sharing of the Peace and the Sending

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

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The final three weeks of worship in July at Chapel Lane will focus on three aspects of grieving-- lamentation, remembrance and celebration. I am asking individuals to send me your stories about Chapel Lane via snail mail to the church address, email to jant@tm.net or text to 989.941.7282. I will incorporate these stories of lamentation, remembrance and celebration of Chapel Lane and our church family into the worship service. I also welcome your participation to be a reader or worship leader in person in July.