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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

O God,
as the showers renew the earth,
bathe us in your healing power.
Stretch out your hand, that we may live
and know that you alone are God,
in whose faithfulness we have life all our days.

Amen.

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Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call to
Worship from the live-streamed worship
service on Sunday.

One: The sinners, the saints; the broken, the
whole:

Many: We all seek to follow the One who
works for justice and hope for all of God's
people.

One: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents,
the little children:

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse “Just Your Average Day”

This week our gospel reading finds Jesus having a typical day...for him. It involved sitting down for a meal with the people he cared about, and then getting interrupted. Several times. As always there was no rest for the weary. Over the course of the day Jesus will perform two miracles. What does this mean for our lives today? Join us for worship and be refreshed by a time of worship and fellowship!



Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, ‘Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten
strings.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud
shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of
the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were
made,
and all their host by the breath of his
mouth.
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a
bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand
in awe of him.
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations
to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the Lord stands for ever,
the thoughts of his heart to all
generations.
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his
heritage.!

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the
world did not come to Abraham or to his
descendants through the law but through
the righteousness of faith. If it is the
adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,
faith is null and the promise is void. For the
law brings wrath; but where there is no law,
neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order
that the promise may rest on grace and be
guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to
the adherents of the law but also to those
who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the
father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have
made you the father of many nations')—in
the presence of the God in whom he believed,
who gives life to the dead and calls into
existence the things that do not
exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that
he would become 'the father of many
nations', according to what was said, 'So
numerous shall your descendants be.' He did
not weaken in faith when he considered his
own body, which was already as good as
dead (for he was about a hundred years old),
or when he considered the barrenness of
Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver
concerning the promise of God, but he grew
strong in his faith as he gave glory to
God, being fully convinced that God was
able to do what he had promised. Therefore
his faith 'was reckoned to him as
righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was
reckoned to him', were written not for his
sake alone, but for ours also. It will be
reckoned to us who believe in him who
raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was
handed over to death for our trespasses and
was raised for our justification.

Prayers & Praises

June 11, 2023

In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Karen Moritz

- Tito Vigan, Sarah Mason's husband, is slowly gaining movement after suffering from a spinal stroke.

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer

Our Timothy's:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE

In the Nebraska Region:

- Lincoln First Christian Church and Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Rev. Georges Ngoka serving in The Republic of Congo

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Song of the Week

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
Text: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor
through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness
nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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