

# **Stronger Together- Cultivating Individuals**

“Voice the Vision”

February 21, 2021

8:30 a.m.

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING SONG** “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You (repeat)**

**To see You high and lifted up  
shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your pow’r and love  
as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy”**

**“Holy, holy, holy”  
“Holy, holy, holy”  
“Holy, holy, holy”  
I want to see You**

### **OPENING SENTENCES** *Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12–13*

**Pastor:** Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**People:** **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

**Pastor:** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

**People:** **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Romans 6:20, 22–23, adapted; Mark 1:15*

Pastor: God's Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.

People: **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

Pastor: For the wages of sin is death,

People: **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

*(A moment for silent confession.)*

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil's schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

People: **For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: As Jesus began His ministry, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."  
As you have repented of your transgressions, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"How Great Thou Art"  
Peace Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**EPISTLE READING** II Corinthians 5:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**SONG FOR THE DAY** “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

**THE MESSAGE**

“Voice the Vision”

Pastor Marty Hufford

**WE STATE OUR FAITH** The Lord’s Prayer- First Petition

**Pastor:** In the Lord’s Prayer, we pray together:

**People:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** **God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

**Pastor:** How is God’s name kept holy?

**People:** **God’s name is kept holy when His Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father! Amen!**

**THE OFFERTORY** LSB pg. 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Cast me not away from Thy presence  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit  
Amen**

**PRAYERS**

**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 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.**

**PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, who keeps His promises from generation to generation. As You talked with Your servants over the centuries, in these last days You have spoken to us by Your Son, whom You appointed the heir of all things, through whom also You created the world. Strengthen our faith, give us the courage to follow where You lead, and remind us of Your faithful promises. And so, with the church on earth and all the voices of heaven, we praise your name and join together to sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy; Holy Holy Holy;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, I want to see You  
Holy, Holy, Holy; Holy Holy Holy;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, I want to see You**

### ***WORDS OF INSTITUTION***

Pastor: The Lord's peace always be with you.  
People: **Amen.**

We believe and teach that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Through these gifts the forgiveness of our sins is communicated and our faith is strengthened.

### ***THE LORD'S SUPPER***

### ***BENEDICTION***

**CLOSING HYMN** "Christ Be My Leader" LSB 861 vs. 1,3

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way  
Gladly I follow, my future His care  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign**

**OFFERINGS**

At this time, offerings may be mailed to the church:  
Address: 21W500 Butterfield Rd. Lombard, IL. 60148.

We also have the option to accept *online* offerings. A link to submit an offering online may be found in the weekly e-newsletter, or on our website: [www.peacehome.org](http://www.peacehome.org). Thank you for your faithful support!

## **Public Prayer Page 2/21/2021**

Peace's Prayer Ministry has a number of options available for your prayer needs: Prayer Ministers are available on an individual basis in the front of the Sanctuary after each Sunday service. During the week, you may contact the Church Office to have prayers listed on the Prayer Page and included during worship services. You may also contact the Peace Prayer Chain Ministry directly 24/7 via e-mail at [prayerchain@peacehome.org](mailto:prayerchain@peacehome.org) which goes out to over 35 partners in prayer.

### **Thanksgiving**

...for the marriage of Rachel B. and Tom D., who were married on February 14

### **Healing & Care**

...for **Chris T.**, undergoing treatment for cancer

...for **Mark S.** (father of Claire and Todd) diagnosed with cancer

...for **Patty** (best friend of Diana S.) who was just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

...for **Mary** (mother of Donna N.) hospitalized and suffering from worsening dementia

...for **Betty** (mother of Linda P.) recovered from COVID but moved to a memory care facility and suffering from worsening dementia; prayers that she may adjust to the new surroundings

...for **Patrick** (son of Michael and Julie P.) diagnosed with a quarter-size brain tumor and awaiting Gamma Knife Radiosurgery to stop its growth

...for **Henrik and Christa S.** (parents of Gabriella B.); pray for God's encouragement as Christa adjusts to assisted living

...for **Judy** (mother of Nick P.) undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer

...for **Mitch K.** (Sharon Z.'s 20-year-old great-nephew) diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma and having chemo treatments through July

...for **Mary Anne N.** on hospice care

### **God's Comfort**

...for **the family and friends of Lynda B.**, who passed away on February 10

### **Peace**

...as we begin this season of **Lent**, may it be for us a time of reflection, repentance and prayer as we remember what Christ sacrificed for us on the cross

### **Nation and World**

...for an end to the pandemic, for peace in the world, and for peace and a renewed sense of community in our country