

Life Lessons from Mister Rogers



Calvary Presbyterian Church Summer 2022

Online Worship Resource (Sunday, July 24, 2022)

BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION

FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by the Roberts family in memory of Gordon Roberts.

Prelude: *LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING* Welsh melody; L. Larson
*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator
triumphantly praise.*
Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Amanda Fahrig, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in the responsive Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

Praise God in the sanctuary. Praise God, all the Earth.

Young and old, people from every nation, praise the Lord!

With joy and gratitude, we praise God's holy name. Let us worship!

Opening Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory; great things He has done! So loved he the world that He gave us His son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

REFRAIN:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory, great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (REFRAIN)

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Seeking the wisdom of the Lord, let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in the mercy and faithfulness of God. Let us pray. . .

Prayer of Confession

Wise and all-knowing God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand your will. We have complained rather than been grateful. Forgive us, Lord. Purge in us the tendency to compare. Clear from our minds the clutter of discontent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is gracious and merciful! For this, we have every reason to hope and to give thanks.

As the Lord has forgiven us, we also forgive one another and in so doing, we are at peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response: "God Is So Good"

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me.

God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God's so good to me.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

By the breath of your Spirit, Lord, inspire us, that in the hearing of your Word we may be filled with gratitude, with new understanding, and with fresh desire to please you in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:12-17

(Liturgist)

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

(Pastor Michelle)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Life Lessons from Mister Rogers:
Live with Gratitude

Rev. Michelle Fincher

Hymn after Sermon: "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days
With wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.

If you have ever wandered where no human help was near,
And in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear,
Then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.

If you have felt your courage fail before a violent sea
And cried to God who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee,
Then in the congregation praise the One who heard your plea.

So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well known.
Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown,
And tell the world what God has done, Praise God and God alone!

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

With grateful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, aware that we have neighbors who are in need and we have blessings to share to alleviate their suffering. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication:

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, body, mind, soul, and spirit, we rejoice in you. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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: "Let All Things Now Living"

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise,

Till all things now living, unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Benediction

Postlude:

THANKS BE TO THEE

G. F. Handel

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccaglio, Director of Music,
David Maley, piano, Amanda Fahrig, liturgist, and
Jon Jelsma, technology team