

# Life Lessons from Mister Rogers



Calvary Presbyterian Church  
Summer 2022

Online Worship Resource (Sunday, August 21, 2022)

**BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION**

Prelude: *MAY GOD SMILE ON YOU* J. S. Bach  
Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Steve Hoffman, Liturgist

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

Creation displays the glory of God.

**The heavens are dazzling, the skies a shimmering array of light and movement.**

From the Big Bang to the smallest quark, God's creative genius is revealed.

**And we are beneficiaries--and stewards--of God's rich, artistic tapestry.  
What a gift! Let us respond in gratitude by worshiping the Lord our  
Creator!**

**Opening Hymn:**      "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Trusting in the infinite love of our Creator, let us confess all that holds us back from the peace and unity to which we are called. Let us name our sins together saying. . .

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful Savior, we confess that we fall short of what you intend for us. We have elevated ourselves above you, our Creator, trusting in our own wisdom rather than asking for yours. Forgive us, Lord. We have taken your creation into our hands not to love and steward, but to use and then discard. Forgive us, Lord. We have sought you most often when we wanted something from you, rather than for the joy of being in relationship with you. Forgive us, Lord. We ask now for your mercy. We seek your forgiveness. We knock in anticipation that you will hear us in spite of our failings. We pray in Jesus' name.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

When we ask with humility, when we seek with all our hearts, when we knock in faith, God is faithful to forgive us and restore us to new life in Jesus Christ.

**God redeems all that is lost, wounded, and selfish in us, giving us new life and a new start. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Response:** "Doxology"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

(Liturgist)

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

**Gracious God, you promise your Spirit to those who ask. Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may see you more clearly, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Reading     Genesis 2:19-20a

(Liturgist)

<sup>9</sup> So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field.

Matthew 7:7-12

(Pastor)

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup> 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

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

Sermon

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Feed the Fish

Rev. Michelle Fincher

**Hymn after Sermon:**        "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, Alleluia.

Call to offering (Liturgist)

The heavens and the earth, the sun and stars and galaxies, the animals of field and air and sea--all these belong to God, as do we and all that we have and are. As grateful stewards of all that have been entrusted to our care, let us generously and joyfully share God's blessings. Thank you for sharing in the ministry and mission of this church through your offerings. Let us pray together. . .

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Thank you for the privilege of being stewards and partners with you in the ongoing work of creation. Use these gifts, we pray, to nurture your good work in our world. And nurture in us an ever-deepening desire to serve your creation and each other. 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:**      ""We Are Marching in the Light of God"

We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God.  
(repeat)

We are marching, we are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.  
(repeat)

We are dancing....

We are praying...

We are singing...

Benediction

Postlude:    *WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD*      Zulu freedom song

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,  
David Maley, piano, Steve Hoffman, liturgist, and  
Jon Jelsma, technology team