



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, June 26, 2022)

BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION

Prelude: "Jesu, Meine Freude." By: Sigfried Karg-Elert
"Hence, all fears and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. God, who dearly loves us, from all trial saves us; gives sweet peace within; I have borne this worldly scorn; still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!"

David Maley, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Ernest Amankwah, Liturgist

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

This is the good news which we proclaim:

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

This is the good news which we proclaim:

Our God loves us with an everlasting love.

This is the good news which we proclaim:

The graces of God are always among us, more than enough.

This is the good news which we proclaim:

The Spirit of God leads us into God's loving grace and care.

This is the good news which we proclaim:

Our loving God is here, with us, today.

Come, let us worship the One who overcame death,

The One who continues to redeem, sustain us, and fill us today. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior, Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

The good news is before us: Jesus Christ redeems us and makes all things new. Even still, in the face of God's love, justice, and reconciliation, we so easily wield hate, tolerate injustice, and build walls instead of bridges.

Trusting in the mercy and grace of God, let us confess our sin together.

Please pray with me. . .

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, meet us as we bring to You our sins, our shortcomings, our offenses. In honesty, we confess we fall short in following You. We love comfort over justice. We pride resentment over reconciliation. We are led by greed before we are led by love. In the face of your endless grace, we disregard your creation and ignore your presence in our lives. We need you, O God. Forgive us and free us, we pray in Jesus' name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! The love of God is never -failing, never-ending, never-changing. Jesus Christ conquered sin and death and welcomes each one of us anew into redeemed life. Receive this good news today.

By the power of God's Spirit, we are loved, forgiven, and empowered to walk in new life. Hallelujah! 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.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Special Music "This Little Light of Mine" - Janet Gayle Lumpkins & Judy Viccellio

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

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

So easily, O God, we can miss your abundant grace in our world and our lives. Soften our hearts, this day, sharpen our minds, awaken our spirits to receive your great news for us. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:1-18

¹ The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."' ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" ¹⁷ The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

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

Sermon: 'What is That?': The Easy-to-Miss Grace of God" Rev. Emilee Williams

Hymn after Sermon: "Christ Be Beside Me"

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me: Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me;

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Call to offering (Liturgist)

For the sake of all who are held in bondage and are in need of God's healing, liberating love, let us generously share the gifts God has entrusted to us. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication. . .

Prayer of Dedication

Triune God, in the face of the Israelites' hunger, you poured down manna, more than enough to fill them. Still today, you fill your people in hunger, you encourage your people in suffering, you heal your people in affliction. Let us offer our gifts knowing you are a God who offers abundant grace. Let our gifts fulfill your loving purposes in us and in our world. For the sake of Christ, we ask it. 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: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning...

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning.... (REFRAIN)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning....
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning.....(REFRAIN)

Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude" By: David Maley

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Today's Worship Participants:
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Judy Viccellio, Director of Music and Janet Gayle Lumpkins, special
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