



**Our Savior @ McCall**

*Worship, Community and Service in Christ*

**Shepherd of the Mountains  
Lutheran Church  
Cascade, Idaho**



**THIS IS OUR**  
*God*

***Shepherd of the Mountains and Our Savior @ McCall, Idaho  
March 22nd, 2020***

***“Committed to growing in Christ and Bringing Others to Him”  
“Love God, Love Others, Live like Jesus”***

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN THE LENTEN SEASON

*(Our 40-day journey to the cross and empty tomb of Jesus!)*

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

## Online Pre-recorded Worship Experience



*Instructions from Robin – friends in Jesus, these are unprecedented times! All of us are being impacted by the threat of a virus that is spreading throughout our communities, nation and world. But what is PRAISEWORTHY is that the Body of Christ, the Jesus movement has sustained and FLOURISHED in the worst of times throughout history.*

*That's what we claim now as followers of Jesus. As you worship in your homes today, whether you do it alone, with family or even with a small group of friends, realize that in the early days of the Jesus movement, this was how "church" was done. No, they didn't have the technological tools that we have at our disposal...but what they did have was their love for Jesus and each other. And what is MOST important is that in those tender days in history, Jesus followers were known NOT for their worship services, buildings or institutional structures...they were known for how they LOVED and cared for their communities and neighbors. So after you worship today, pray that God will lead you to share your love for Jesus with others. Our loving and serving others is how we can be the Church in the coming days and weeks.*

*On the video recording, the following service "order" will be followed...you can sing along with the songs, follow along with the words of the Bible Readings and reflections, pray the prayers and listen to the message. I'm going to be taking some creative license with the messages...trying to include some videos and other elements to make them more interesting and something that could stimulate your thinking, meditation upon the Lord and growth in Jesus. Remember, we're all learning new lessons during this time! Thanks to Stephanie Brandt for joining me this week in putting together our musical selections for worship. If you would like to, drop me an email ([rdugall@apu.edu](mailto:rdugall@apu.edu)) or a text 208-891-4608 and tell me how God ministered to you through the worship today. I'll also be posting this worship time on Facebook...so you can make comments there as we do "community" in different manners. If you have any feedback, please know that it is welcomed. God bless you as you worship today! Check out our websites for more spiritual encouragement and studies, etc. Also, you may want to follow a link or two that I am providing to other churches...watch a few moments of their worship...I believe we will be encouraged simply seeing other Jesus followers meeting the way all of us are meeting these Sundays. The "Church" is happening on every block and in every neighborhood in Long Valley...THAT is powerful!*

## **Video Meditation for the Lenten Season**

## **Worship Song – “Oh How Good it is”**

Oh how good it is when the family of God, dwells together in spirit in faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

*(Chorus) So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord and with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees, the Redeemer has come, for He dwells in the presence of His people*

Oh how good it is, on this journey we share,  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace, when we offer the blessing, of belonging

Oh how good it is, to embrace His command, to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one, we all share in the love, of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

## **Worship Song – “There is a Redeemer”**

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son, precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

*(Chorus) Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit, till the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names, precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain

When I stand in glory I will see His face, there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

## **PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS (follow along – say the responses out loud)**

Leader: Lord of my heart, give me vision to inspire me, that, working or resting, I may always think of you.

**All: Lord of my heart, give me light to guide me, that, at home or abroad, I may always walk in your way.**

Leader: Lord of my heart, give me wisdom to direct me, that, thinking or

acting, I may always discern right and wrong.

**All: Lord of my heart, give me courage to strengthen me, that among friends or enemies, I may always proclaim your justice.**

Leader: Lord of my heart, give me trust to console me, that, hungry or well-fed, I may always rely on your mercy.

**All: Lord of my heart, save me from empty praise, that, I may always boast of you.**

Leader: Lord of my heart, save me from worldly wealth, that I may always look to the riches of heaven.

**All: Lord of my heart, save me from military prowess, that I may always seek your protection.**

Leader: Lord of my heart, save me from vain knowledge, that I may always study our word.

**All: Lord of my heart, save me from unnatural pleasures, that I may always find joy in your wonderful creation. Heart of my own heart, whatever may befall me, rule over my thoughts and feelings, my words my actions.**

## **FIRST READING— Psalm 23 (NLT) – On video**

## **SECOND READING— Genesis 32:22ff (NLT)**

“During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob’s hip and wrenched it out of its socket. Then the man said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”“What is your name?” the man asked. He replied, “Jacob.”“Your name will no longer be Jacob,” the man told him. “From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won.”“Please tell me your name,” Jacob said. “Why do you want to know my name?” the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel (which means “face of God”), for he said, “I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared.” The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip.”

Reader: This is the reading of the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to give us life.

**People: Jesus is the Word of God who was made flesh and dwells among us full of the grace and truth of God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL—John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (NLT)**

John writes, “As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?” “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.” Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.” Others said, “But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?” So there was a deep division of opinion among them. Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?” You were born a total sinner!” they answered. “Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw him out of the synagogue. When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.” “You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!” “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see[e] that they are blind.”

Reader: This is the reading from the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SONG OF WORSHIP – “Jesus draw me close”**

Jesus draw me close, closer Lord to You, let the world around me fade away  
Jesus draw me close, closer Lord to You, for I desire to worship and obey

## **SERMON – “This is our God” Robin J. Dugall, Pastor**

## **CONFESSION of FAITH – The Apostle’s Creed (4<sup>th</sup> Century AD)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## **PRAYER TIME and LORD’S PRAYER**

Leader: Let us join together in prayer (praying today for our Prayer Time Capsule and one of the other local faith communities in McCall – (Note- there will be some time for you to pray during this part of the service before we proceed with the following prayer):

Leader: O God, through Jesus’ sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children.  
In his name we pray:

**ALL: OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN,**

Leader: Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.

**ALL: HALLOWED BE THY NAME.**

Leader: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

**ALL: THY KINGDOM COME.**

Leader: Make us zealous to carry out you will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.

**ALL: THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.**

Leader: Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

**ALL: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.**

Leader: Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

**ALL: AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.**

Leader: We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

**ALL: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.**

Leader: Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

**ALL: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.**

Leader: For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your people.

**ALL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,**

Leader: You alone hold the power to grant our requests.

**ALL: AND THE POWER,**

Leader: We worship you from whom all blessings flow.

**ALL: AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER.**

Leader: Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

**ALL: AMEN. IT SHALL BE SO.**

**OFFERING – Mail in your offering to either of the Churches – information on the screen at the end of the video OR below.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING WORSHIP SONG – “I Need Thee every Hour”**

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*(Chorus) I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou Blessed Son!

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