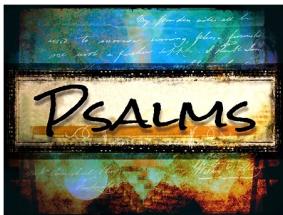


**August 1, 2021
10th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 11:00 am**

Psalms, the Language of Life!

Life can leave us speechless. In the hardest of times and in times of exhilaration, alike, we can be overcome to the point we are “at a loss for words.” The Psalms have a way of giving a language to these experiences and times of profound emotion. And they do so in a vernacular of faith. We can look to a variety of Psalms that become the poetic language of prayer in times of need and also in times of great joy and celebration.



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CALL TO WORSHIP

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.**

"Bless the Lord"

Cantor:

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
abounding in love.*

WELCOME

LITANY

God of all, by the power of your Word, you speak all creation into being. In the gift of your Word you bring to light wisdom and truth.

**ALL: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding. Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:103-5)**

Teach us a language of faith and trust.

ALL: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever. (Psalm 146:3-6)

Teach us a language of sorrow.

ALL: Turn to me and be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive me of my sins. (Psalm 25:16-18)

Teach us a language of joy.

ALL: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)

Teach us a language of life,

ALL: In the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for in you, God, I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Amen. (Psalm 143:8)

- 1 **Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

Refrain

**The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

- 2 **Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.** *Refrain*
- 3 **Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.** *Refrain*

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

God of all creation, you give us the gift of life and invite us to live fully in your world. In all the seasons of life, in all its pleasures and all its pains, inspire us to look to your word for strength, for wisdom, for consolation, for peace. For you are God of all. We have our life and being in you. **Amen.**

2 SAMUEL 22:2-7

² The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, ³ my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. ⁴ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. ⁵ For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of perdition assailed me; ⁶ the cords of Sheol entangled me, the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MATTHEW 8:23-27

²³ When he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CELEBRATION OF THE PSALM

**In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

PSALM 27

Jah is my light and my salvation
So whom shall I fear?
He's my guide throughout this creation
So whom shall I be afraid?

Jah is my keeper

Jah is my health and my strength
So whom shall I fear?
He's a shield upon my right and my left hand
So whom shall I be afraid?

Jah is my keeper

Jah is my guide in my restin' and my risin'
So whom shall I fear?
He's my guide when I step out and forward in
So whom shall I be afraid?

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*“Sing unto God,
sing praises to his name:
extol him that rideth upon the
heavens by his name JAH,
and rejoice before him.”*

~ Psalm 68:4, King James Version

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

TIME OF REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY

"Stand By Me"

**When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.**

**In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.**

**In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.**

**In the midst of persecution, stand by me.
In the midst of persecution, stand by me.
When my foes in battle array, undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.**

**When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sanctuary"

OFFERING PRAYER

God of life, your grace and goodness shower blessing upon blessing on your people.

ALL: How precious is your lovingkindness, O God! Your children take refuge in the shadow of our wings. They drink their fill of the abundance of your house. You give them to drink of the river of your delights. (Psalm 36:7-8)

You are the source, the well-spring of abundant life, accompanying us all in times of plenty and in times of great need.

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul. He anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows. (from Psalm 23)

We come forward with our offerings in joy and gratitude, in thanksgiving for the many ways you bless us and reach out to bless the world through us.

ALL: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:7-8)

Kindle your generosity of spirit within us, that all may know that you are God, Creator and Lord of all.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg 144

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



All are welcome to celebrate communion at Abiding Love. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Take a cup of wine or grape juice from the tray. Children and adults not communing are welcome to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

COMMUNION SONG

"God Is Here!" #526

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Blessed Assurance” #638

1 **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 **Perfect submission, perfect delight,**
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

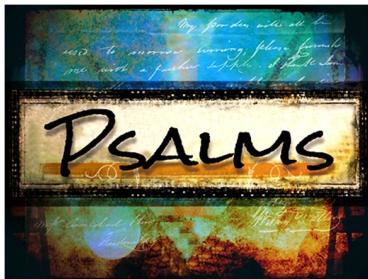
3 **Perfect submission, all is at rest;**
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

PROCLAIMING OUR MISSION AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

We go forth together, **sharing God's love!**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST



Language of Life

"For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!" ~ **Psalm 47:7**

August 8: Praise and Thanksgiving

August 15: Sorrow and Lamentation **August 29:** Hymns of Glory

August 22: Faith and Trust **September 5:** Wisdom Psalms

Setting and Safety Measures for Indoor Worship

Abiding Love will continue to gather for worship services onsite at 8:30 and 11:00 am on Sunday. According to APH Stage 4 recommendations, vaccinated people can participate in in-door and out-door gatherings with precautions (masking, social distancing, hand-sanitizing). Non-vaccinated people and those in high-risk categories are encouraged to avoid gatherings. We strongly recommend masks for all attending, regardless of vaccination or risk status.

We encourage non-vaccinated people and those at high-risk for serious illness to gather with us online for our streaming service at 8:30 am (available at the link provided at abidinglove.com any time thereafter).

SERVING SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Brad Highum

Altar Guild: (8:30) Janice Duncan, Kay Nicholson

(11:00) Denise Alaimo

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Sue Milam (11:00) Joan Hokanson

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Amelia Mettke

(11:00) Marcilyn Parker

Lector: (8:30) Paul Mettke (11:00) Tom Hokanson

Music Leaders: Luciano Laurentiu, Karron Lewis, Gus Sterneman, Mary Sterneman

Sound: (8:30) Philip Drake (11:00) Philip Drake

Ushers: (8:30) Joe and Tess Azzato, Ron Leoni

(11:00) Kurt Armstrong, Steve Essinger, TJ Shoaf

Video Streaming: Philip Drake

ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Bible Boosters (Classroom)

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry

6:00 pm Bread For All Food Pantry

7:00 pm AA (Music Room)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 pm Al-Anon (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:15 am Women Alive (Zoom)

6:30 pm ACTS Core Leadership (Library)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00 am ALLC Quilters (Upstairs Commons)

6:30 pm Stress Coping (MS Room)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 AM Girl Scout Bridging (Activity Center/Outside)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Bible Boosters (Classroom)