



I have set

*my bow
in the clouds,*

and it shall be a

sign of the
Covenant

between me and the earth.

GENESIS 9:13, NRSV

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Bright burning sun with golden beam
Soft shining moon with silver gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Shift rushing wind so wild and strong
White clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
New rising dawn in praise rejoice
You lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 3

People and nations, take your part,
Love and forgive with all your heart,
O praise him, alleluia
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
Trust God and cast on him your care
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 4

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in lowliness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father,

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, it is my privilege to announce God's Grace to all of you. Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

C: And on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

P: I will extol you, my God and king,

C: And bless your name forever and ever.

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

C: And his greatness is unsearchable.

P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

C: And I will declare your greatness.

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

C: And shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

BLESSING/SEND OFF FOR STAND RETREAT

HYMN OF PRAISE

"God Is So Good"

Verse 1

No height or depth can separate
Your steadfast love who can escape
Your faithfulness an endless sea
So full of grace and mercy

Chorus

We sing God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
He's so good to me

Verse 2

Haunted by the past no more
My innocence has been restored
Forgiveness flows from Your veins
Your kindness shown in all Your ways

Chorus

We sing God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
He's so good to me

Bridge

Oh there's never been anyone like You
Never been anyone like You
You are worthy You are worthy (*Repeat*)

Verse 3

Hope is rising like the sun
The old is gone the new has come
I fix my eyes on Christ alone
My Rock my Shield my Cornerstone

Chorus

We sing God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
He's so good to me

Ending

God You are good
God You are good
God You're so good
You're so good to me
God You're so good
You're so good to me

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray; Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with

power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE *“Speak, O Lord”*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He

meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Solid Foundation"*

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

MESSAGE

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"We See The Fruitful Harvest"

Verse 1

We see the fruitful harvest
our gracious God provides,
and how, in his abundance,
our needs are satisfied.
He sends the yearly seasons,
and feeds with joy and care;
pure light and living water
poured out for all to share.

Chorus

Lord of all the harvest,
creation brings you praise,
so we will join the joyful song
of everything you've made.

Verse 2

This world of revelation
unfolds before our eyes,
the birds sing out God's glories,
his wisdom fills the skies.
The seeds are sown to teach us
of death that leads to life.
The fruitful trees remind us
to live each day in Christ.

Chorus

Lord of all the harvest,
creation brings you praise,
so we will join the joyful song
of everything you've made.

Verse 3

There is another harvest,
the workers are so few.
We'll tend the seeds he's planted
and see his word bear fruit.
Creation groans in longing
for earth to be restored,
that day of celebration:
the harvest of the Lord.

Chorus

Lord of all the harvest,
creation brings you praise,
so we will join the joyful song
of everything you've made.

POSTSERVICE MUSIC

Church Announcements for This Week!

Weekly Offering

Thank you to all who have been faithful in giving of their offering through the pandemic. The church has been able to hold their own, but offering gets tight during the summer months. Even though giving goes down, our bills still need to be paid. We ask that you still give even if you are not going to be attending worship with us in person. If you would like to give an online offering you can do so by going to our website and clicking the "give now" tab at the top of the page. If you would like to mail in your offering you can send it to PO Box 85 Burlington, IL 60109 or arrange to drop it off during the week. In order to record your giving properly please continue to use your envelopes or include a note with your envelope number. More envelopes are available outside the church office if need.

Blood Drive

We will be hosting a blood drive here in the fellowship hall on Wednesday August 4th from 4 to 7 PM. Sign up is now available by calling 800-786-4483 or by going online to: https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5594339. You can now also sign up with Joe after the service if that is easier for you.. All donors will receive a Versiti campfire mug as a thank you for their donation. Help be the Pulse of summer by donating blood!

Voters Meeting

Join us Sunday August 15th after the 9 AM service. We have some very important information that needs to be discussed so please make every attempt to be there.

Outdoor Clean Up

All are welcome to join us Wednesday evening August 18th as we clean up the outside of our property. Many hands make light work so please join us at 4:30 pm for dinner and then clean up afterwards.

Outdoor Worship Service

On Sunday August 22nd we will be having an outdoor worship service in our parking lot. We ask that each family bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. We will be having our Summer Sunday School lesson following the worship service.



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