

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020 10:30 a.m.



~ Julie Bonde

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Order of Worship

The Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates; **Music:** Samuel A. Ward

Greeting & Response

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.

Introductory Words

Chris Adams & Pr. Kristine

O Zion, Haste

LBW 397

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That he who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain:

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
And died on earth that we might live above. **Refrain:**

Give of your own to bear the message glorious,
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way.
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
And haste the coming of the glorious day. **Refrain:**

He comes again!
O Zion, ere you meet him,
Make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
Let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
Through your neglect, unfit to see his face. **Refrain:**

Prayer of Confession

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, *Turn back, you mortals.*

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, *There is*

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peace and security, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the lines have fallen for us in pleasant places. We have a goodly heritage from our Godly parents. Help us to stay true to you, to bear fruits of love, to dwell in the beauty of holiness all our days. **Amen.**

Sermon

Pr. Kristine

***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.***

O, Christ the Same

WOV 778

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages—
 Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
 Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
 Unchanging still, amid the passing years:
 O living Word, the source of all creation,
 Who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
 O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
 We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
 Our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
 Still as of old upon your body bearing
 The marks of love, in triumph glorified:
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven—
 O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
 We bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
 Our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
 Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
 Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
 For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee:
 O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
 We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith; **Music:** Irish tune, arr. John Barnard. Text © 1984 and arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

Prayers of the Church

Offering/Offertory *When Peace,
like a River*

ELW 785

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain: It is well, it is well
With my soul, with my soul,
It is well,
It is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain:**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain:**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain:**

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

Instruction Concerning the Lord's Supper



HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Come to the banquet table
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The Meal

Come, You Thankful People, Come

LBW 407

Come, you thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home.
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
 To your final harvest home.
 Gather all your people in,
 Free from sorrow, free from sin,
 There, forever purified,
 In your garner to abide.
 Come, with all your angels, come,
 Raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, alt.; **Music:** George J. Elvey

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord, giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:
 We give you thanks for binding us together in this holy feast.
 Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart
 and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and receive those eternal
 joys prepared for all whom you love; for the sake of Jesus
 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

LBW 351

Oh, happy day when we shall stand;
 Amid the heav'nly throng;
 And sing with hosts from ev'ry land
 The new celestial song,
 The new celestial song.

Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come
 And show himself as Lord,
 And thousands meet in their new home
 Which Jesus has prepared,
 Which Jesus has prepared.

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Oh, what a mighty rushing flood
Of joy and love and peace
Will roll down over us with good
And blessedness and grace,
And blessedness and grace.

O Lord, your grace is ev'rything;
Your love has made us free
To stand among the saints and sing
The glory that we see,
The glory that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, tr. Gracia Grindal; **Music:** Nikolaus Herman

Announcements and Giving Thanks

Blessing

Postlude

It Is Well with My Soul

Marilyn Jacobson



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Thanksgiving Celebration

On Sunday, November 22,
we will broadcast the annual
NRC Chapel Thanksgiving Service
at 10:30 AM on Channel 102.

On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday,
November 25, at 3:30 PM in the
NRC Chapel, there will be a
Thanksgiving display on the
Chapel altar and Thanksgiving music.
Please turn on Channel 105 and
look and listen!

(The altar display also will be accessible
for viewing on Thanksgiving Day.)



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