

## Words for Worship Sunday, September 6, 2020

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### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess to You our self-centeredness and pride, our fear and sin. May Your Word break into our hearts and breathe into our souls Your forgiving Spirit. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, You have come to us with tenderness and shown us kindness. You have surprised us with grace. Lift our downcast eyes from our worries alone and help us also to see and feel Your strong presence with us. Bless our worship now. Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

#810, verses 1-2

*Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.*

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve You to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if You are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if You will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel You near me;  
the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
to shield my soul from sin.

**SCRIPTURE** - *Today's Bible readings remind us that Christianity is a received faith, not a religion made up by people.*

### Romans 3:25

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

### Galatians 1:11-12

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

### 1 Corinthians 15:3

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance.

### SERMON

“The Faith We Have Received”

Pastor Luther Swenson

### From the Inside Out

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A thousand times I've failed  
Still Your mercy remains  
And should I stumble again  
I'm caught in Your grace

Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing You praise

In my heart and my soul  
Lord I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out,  
Lord, let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

And the cry of my heart  
Is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Trustworthy Lord, You have abundantly shared with us so that we may share with others. Accept these our offerings by which Your good work is done through our ministries and beyond. Amen.

## PRAYERS

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: May we be rooted in Christ.**

## 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.

## SENDING HYMN

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

#805

*Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917*

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal!  
The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy  
the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- 3 Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!