

Words for Worship Sunday, October 11, 2020

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God of justice, open our eyes to the ways we fail to love You and our neighbors. Forgive our sin of pride and judgementalism. Strengthen our hearts to trust in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Take my life, that I may be consecrated Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Amen. (ELW 583, v1)

OPENING SONG

Do Something

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I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now, thought
How'd we ever get so far down, and
How's it ever gonna turn around
So I turned my eyes to Heaven
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery
The thought disgusted me
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, yeah, I created you"

If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something, yeah
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
Oh, it's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something

Well, I don't know about you
But I'm sick and tired of life with no desire
I don't want a flame, I want a fire and
I wanna be the one who stands up and says
"I'm gonna do something"

We are the salt of the earth
We are a city on a hill
We're never gonna change the world
By standing still
No, we won't stand still

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:7-10;17-19

For we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Annika Osell, Interim Sunday School Director

BLESSING OF BIBLES (3-year olds & 2nd graders)

SERMON

“Rooted in Christ: Branching Out in Faithful Stewardship”

Pastor Lori Swenson

SONG

Giving it All to You

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You are the author of life.
Just one word and I am free.
You are the Savior and I need Your grace to rescue me.
So I surrender.

We're giving it all to You
We're giving it all to You
Our hearts cries out
We need You now
We're giving it all to You

You are the fountain of life
Just one drop and I am filled.
You are my joy and desire; I resign to Your will
I surrender

Just one drop and I am filled
Just one word and I am free

OFFERING PRAYER

We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen. (ELW #686, v1)

PRAYER RESPONSE:

We pray using the response, “**May we be rooted in Christ.**”

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Renew our zeal in faith and life and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy meal.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THE 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.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Live like you have a Savior.

Response: Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

*Take My Life, That I May Be
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad*

#583, verses 1, 2 & 4

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

4 Take my will and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955



In September Pastor Luther and Pastor Lori reached their 25-year anniversary at Ascension. This is a milestone few pastors and churches achieve. We celebrate this significant event this week. Feel free to send a personal note of thanks and congratulations to them at the church or to their home in recognition of this occasion. If you wish to donate toward a gift from the congregation, please send your donation to Ascension by the end of October and clearly mark it "Pastors Anniversary Gift." Thank you for your help in marking this milestone in ministry at Ascension!