

# Words for Worship Sunday, November 8, 2020

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

P: Let us confess our sin and brokenness

**C: Lord God, we have grown weary of doing good and waiting for Your coming. We have sinned. If You returned now, we would be neither ready nor worthy. We confess. We repent. Empowered by Your forgiveness, make us ready.**

P: Hear now the Gospel. For the sake of Jesus Christ and because of Christ's atoning death on the cross, your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray:

**C: Stir up Your Spirit among us, O Lord, so we may keep awake, for we know neither the day or the hour of Your return, but we do know that You have commanded us to be ready. In our worship, may our spirits be joined to Yours as You come among us even now. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

*Words and Music by Brian Doerksen.*

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Come, now is the time to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,  
One day ev'ry knee with bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

## SCRIPTURE

### **Exodus 20:8 The Third Commandment**

"Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy."

### **Matthew 25:1-13 The Day and Hour Unknown**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'"

## KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

## SERMON

"Does Anybody Know What Time It Is?"

Pastor Luther Swenson

## SONG

## *While I Wait*

*by Lincoln Brewster and Mitch Wong*

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Deep inside my heart I know You've won  
I know You've overcome  
And even in the dark when I'm undone  
I still believe it

When I fall apart You are my strength  
Help me not forget  
Seeing ev'ry scar You make me whole  
You're my healer

Though I don't understand it  
I will worship with my pain  
You are God You are worthy  
You are with me all the way

I live by faith and not by sight  
Sometimes miracles take time

While I wait I will worship  
Lord I'll worship Your name  
While I wait I will trust You  
Lord I'll trust You all the same

You're faithful ev'ry day Your promises remain  
You're faithful ev'ry day Your promises remain

So while I wait I will worship  
Lord I'll worship Your name  
Though I don't have all the answers  
Still I'll trust You all the same

## PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

### PRAYER RESPONSE:

We pray using the response, "**Hear our prayer.**"

### 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.

## LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## BENEDICTION AND SENDING

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

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

#632, verses 1, 3 & 5

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

3 Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting You are God,  
to endless years the same.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.*