

Words for Worship Sunday, November 15, 2020

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CONFESSION

Loving God, our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are an open book to You. You have seen where we fall short. You know where we have strayed as individuals and as Your Church. In Your mercy, forgive us and guide us into right ways of being – ways of welcome, paths of mercy, habits of grace – so that we may live renewed in the joy of our salvation, prepared, equipped, and ready to meet Christ in our neighbors and in our daily lives. Amen.

LITANY RESPONSE: We rejoice and give thanks to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and living God, we rejoice and give You thanks for Your power on display throughout time and place, calling all kinds of people to be witnesses to Your grace and power. We celebrate how the Spirit has blessed Your Church through the work of women and girls, including in this time and place. Guide us, as Your people, into welcoming Your preachers and teachers among us and hearing Christ's Good News through them. With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

God Who Writes All People's Story

to tune of ELW #705

Written for 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Women

By Julia Seymour

1. God who writes all people's story
Yours the glory in this hour;
In the Spirit's inventory,
Women can hold preaching pow'r.
Ours the dancing, ours the singing
For rejoicing in this hour,
For rejoicing in this hour.
2. Miriam sang of Your salvation,
Dancing at the Red Sea's shore.
Healing grace brought new creation,
Faithful sister bled no more.
God is faithful, we are grateful
For God's work in history,
For God's work in history.
3. God, Your love gives gifts for speaking
Prophecy and truth to pow'r;
Open hearts of all who're seeking,
To be found by You this hour.
Stronger witness, stronger mercy,
Be the story that we live.
Be the story that we live.
4. In this world, You love our siblings
Found in every race and clan.
Jesus shown in many faces,
Word for all since time began.
Male and female, male and female,
One in Christ to share God's love,
One in Christ to share God's love.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: Debbie Kralovetz

Exodus 15:19-21

¹⁹When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider He has thrown into the sea."

Galatians 3:26-28

²⁶For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

John 17:20-22

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

SERMON

“We are One in Christ”

Pastor Lori Swenson

SONG

Make Us One

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One with the Father
One with the Spirit
One with the Son of God
One with our sister
One with our brother
One family by the blood

Make us one, make us one
Your will be done
Make us one

One heart with heaven
One mind connected
One body unified
Bind us together
Now and forever
Jesus be glorified

Oh, make us one, make us one
Your will be done
Oh, make us one

We confess all our offenses
We confess we've been afraid
We repent of all the pride
Let all the hurt be washed away
For all the wars and violence
Against our enemies
Come heal our land with Your great river
Restore the family

Oh, make us one, make us one
Let Your kingdom come
Make us one
Oh, make us one

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, “**Hear our prayer.**”

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 God's peace. Live like you have a Savior.

Response: Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

#613, verses 1 & 2

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| 1 | Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in Thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within Thy grace. | 2 | Oh, let me nestle near Thee,
within Thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within Thy nest.
Oh, close Thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need Thy tender care. |
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