



Contemporary Worship Service

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

10:45 a.m.

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



OPENING WORSHIP

“Offering”

Verse

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy Lord I come

Chorus 1

I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You

Interlude

I bring an offering to You

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Chorus 2

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O Lord I bring an offering to You
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Ending

I bring an offering to You

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WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

SONG

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

[Chorus x2]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name

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CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

P: The Old Testament Reading for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost is from the 18th chapter of Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel:

Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is not just." O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? "Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so, turn and live."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

P: The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of Philippians. So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise, you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So, they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Being Christlike in Our Witness"

OFFERING

As the offering is being received, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. The ushers will collect these cards during the offering. Thank you.

THE VOLUNTARY

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING

“The Same Love”

Verse 1

You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside
And give us life

Chorus

The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name

Verse 2

You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words you are Mine
You call the cynic and the proud
Come to Me now

Chorus

The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see

Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the heavens wide
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Interlude

Oh oh
Oh oh
Oh oh
Oh oh

Bridge

You're calling You're calling
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling You're calling
You're calling us to the cross

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You're calling us to the cross
You're calling You're calling
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Chorus

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