

Worship Outline

Easter 7

June 2, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Meditation on "Rock of Ages"
Livingston

+Call to Worship (responsive)

Please rise in body and/or in spirit. (*pause -give them a moment*)

Gone,
forgiven,
forgotten.

God's love has taken it away.

Gone,
forgiven,
forgotten.

Christ's love has absorbed it all.

Gone,
forgiven,
forgotten.

The Holy Spirit's love lives on in us.

Each day is a new beginning
a new day with God.

Today is a new day let us live it.

+Prayer of Adoration -

Let us pray...

+Hymn of Praise 515

I Come with Joy

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

You may be seated. (*pause -give them a moment to settle themselves*)

We make excuses.

We know we do.

We look for reasons

not to have to say

the fault lies with us

in any less-than-best

ways we are.

All of which is a need

to confess twice over-

one for our personal failings,

once for trying to suggest we are not to blame.

And so we do.

But there is more.

we are far too ready

to paint an unforgiving

picture of ourselves.

We know we do.

It can seem as if

we dare to say

there is nothing good in us:

we who are made in your image.

And so we do.

And there is more.

We are under grace, not law,

and the source of the grace is you.

Your heart of forgiveness

is laid bare for us to see

in the words and ways of Jesus.

But we say strange things

like, “God may forgive me,

**but I can't forgive myself"
so we effectively refuse your grace and mercy.
Yet another need to confess.**

Silence is kept.

Assurance - Liz

And so we do. We confess over and over.

But thanks be to God!
In his mercy, God has set us free from the power of sin and death,
and has offered us forgiveness and eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord!
Now you are free to choose life,
and to use your life to bring honour and glory to God!
Thanks be to God!

+Welcome and the Peace - Liz
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+Gathering Song 243

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples - Liz
Solo
Lord

Teach Me

McGlohon
Sue Van Patten

Prayer for Illumination -

Give the kids time to get back to pews etc.

Let us pray.

Scripture -

Romans 6:1-14

1 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Kanerva

Rev. Liz Rolf

+Hymn 499
Broken

Bread of the World in Mercy

Eucharist

Offering
Invitation

Offertory

Minuet in B Flat
Hayden

+Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore,
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

+Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, our life-breath

To the One who sustains us, we rejoice in your presence!

With gratitude, O God, we remember that it is through you we are made truly alive. Every creature and creation - the tiny ones, the scaly ones, the human ones, the leafy ones - all that is has been shaped by you. There is nothing on this earth that has not been touched by your Sacred hand. In your love for us, you claim us - individually and as a whole - as your beloveds. You will for us life abundant and you invite us into co-working with you towards a world where harmony among all life is restored.

And yet, daily, we turn away from you and one another. Destructive and divisive powers lure us away from connection and relationship. We forget that we need each other. We pretend that our lives are not deeply entangled. When injustice threatens our neighbors, we too easily cower or hide.

Like those who turned on Jesus when things became too difficult, we too are tempted to desert those most vulnerable.

But you do not abandon us to our fear or sin. In the life of Jesus, Love enfleshed, we are shown that the invitation to join in your work of transforming and healing and restoring is always open. No matter our past. No matter our regrets. No matter the wrong done to us or the wrong we have done to others, you keep calling us back to you.

This relentless invitation of yours that entices with freedom and joy and forgiveness is such a threat to empire that it still attempts to crucify every incarnation of your love today. And so, we are reminded of the example given to us in the person of Jesus.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around table with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

"This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,
"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

And so in remembrance of the One who never gave up on love, we pray that the Spirit would make us one in our commitment to the liberation of all your creatures and creations. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, that through these ordinary gifts, we might taste a glimpse of your Kingdom. May they be for us a reminder of what we are capable of becoming and what we are capable of accomplishing together. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

God, we give you thanks for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul. May it sustain us as we confront evil that keeps us from living the lives you intended for us and for all your creatures and creations. Until every life can be lived abundantly, be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive

+Blessing and Charge (responsive)

+Congregational Benediction 591 (refrain)

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Festal March
Nordman