

Worship Outline 2019-08-04

Hebrews Series

Communion Sunday

Gathering

Prelude

For Love is All in All
Simone

Call to Worship (responsive)

(from Hebrews 1 and John 1 *The Message*)

The Word came first.

The Word was with God and the Word was God.

By his Son, God created the world in the beginning.

Everything was created through the Word.

Nothing—not one thing!—came into being without him

and it will all belong to the Son at the end.

The Son perfectly mirrors God.

He is stamped with God's nature.

He holds everything together by what he says,

his life is the light to live by.

The Life-Light blazes out of the darkness

and the darkness cannot put it out.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

+Prayer

Let us pray...

We praise you, O God,

for breaking through to us in the person of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

When the words of the prophets went unheard

and when their actions were ignored,

you spoke the creative word once more.

Bringing order out of chaos again—
this time not to bring a world into being,
but to bring your very being into the world.
The essence of your love taking on our flesh.

In the midst of this congregation, we praise you.
With our lives, we worship you.
Gracious God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
to you be all glory and honour, now and forever. Amen

+Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Unison Prayer of Confession

In God, we find light for our darkness,
and through that light we discover
the things that separate us from God.
And so we ask God to prove us and try us,
and to test our hearts and minds,
that we may receive forgiveness.

Ps. 26:2

O God, you give us glimpses of your light, but sometimes, instead of following you, we stumble around on our own. We accept poor imitations of your light. We try to catch your light and hold it, so that we do not have to always look to you. You speak the words that give and sustain life, but we listen to the noise around us instead. Forgive us. Give us eyes to see and ears to listen.

Silence is kept.

Assurance

What are we that God is mindful of us? Ps. 8:4; Heb. 2:6, 10–12

Who are we that God should care for us?

Yet God now calls us beloved children;

Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers.

This is the good news of God's grace:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Welcome and the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Gathering Song 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem
You

I Will Come to

David Haas
Katie Niesen Cook, soloist

Scripture Reading (responsive)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Let us pray...Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors,
but in these last days God has spoken to us
through Jesus Christ.
Open our hearts and minds to your Word,
that we may see your light. **Amen.**

Let us read God's word in community:

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways
to our ancestors through the prophets.
And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

**God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance,
and through the Son he created the universe.
The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God,
and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.**

When he had cleansed us from our sins,
he sat down in the place of honor
at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.
This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels,
just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

**And furthermore,
it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about.
For in one place the Scriptures say,**

“What are mere mortals that you should think about them,
or a son of man that you should care for him?
Yet you made them only a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You gave them authority over all things.”

**Now when it says “all things,” it means nothing is left out.
But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority.
What we do see is Jesus,
who was given a position “a little lower than the angels”;
and because he suffered death for us,
he is now “crowned with glory and honor.”**

Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.
God, for whom and through whom everything was made,

chose to bring many children into glory.

And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering,
a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father.

That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

For he said to God,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

I will praise you among your assembled people.”

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

Eucharist

Offering

Invitation

In gratitude for all God has done,
and so we are invited,
we bring our offerings and tithes
for the building up of God’s kingdom.

Offertory

+Doxology

We Lift Our

Voices

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;

Lord use our lives; they are yours:
we are an offering. We are an offering.

Dedication

Lord God, you have entrusted us Ps. 8:6
with the works of your own hands.
Now we return these gifts to you
with thanksgiving and praise.
Use them all for your glory
and for the good of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.
In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation,
calling forth light and life.
Through wisdom, you formed us in your image,
calling us to love and serve you.
Foolishly we turned from you
and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy.
Yet you did not reject us,
but continued to call us and claim us as your own.
We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.
We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,
and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock.
We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise.
We worshiped idols of our own making,
and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you.

At last you emptied yourself of power
and came to us as the child of Mary,
holy God in frail and human flesh.

You are holy, O God of power and might,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name.
In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him:
fisherfolk, tax collectors, children,
sinners, deniers, betrayers.
On the cross he gave himself up to the powers of this world,
showing in his body your great foolishness, O God,
for loving such a wayward world.

Yet by this very cross, O Wisdom from on high,
you have undone and remade the wisdom of this world,
drawing light from darkness, power from humiliation,
life from death itself.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Come, then, life-giving Spirit,
brood over these bodily things
and make us into one body with Christ,
that we, who are baptized into his death,
may walk in newness of life;
that what is sown in dishonor may be raised in glory
and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.

We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

Sending

+Hymn 306

Blest Be the Ties that Bind

+Benediction and Blessing

+Congregational Benediction 540
Friends!

Farewell, Good

Farewell, good friends!
Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, Till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.

Postlude

Finale in G
Rasley