



Getting to Know You
Sunday, September 5, 2021

PRELUDE

Precious Name arr. by Rick Parks

WELCOME

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King (#62)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!
To God all thanks and praise belong!
Join in the everlasting song:
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

For the God who broods over the chaos welcomes us home.

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

For the God who breathes new life into the dust welcomes us home.

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

For the God who dared to become human welcomes us home.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, our hearts fill with wonder and praise when we pause to remember the glory of your creativity all around us. Help us to find our way home to the place where your image dwells within us. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Present At Our Table

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored
These mercies bless and grant that we, may feast in fellowship with thee

HOLY COMMUNION

Together we come to the table, invited by Jesus. All are welcome. Come meet Jesus again and again in this weekly meal. Prepare your hearts and spirits and bodies as we share in God's grace poured out for us.

The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts to the Lord: **We lift up our hearts with thanks and praise!**

We are yours, all yours, Holy God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and voices. We are your people, whom you have called covenant with you, a covenant we have continually broken, and you have continuously sustained. How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints,

Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy! Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy! Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!

You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy when you preached the good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and as you have gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means: healing for the sick, new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, freedom for the possessed, new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all.

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me." **We remember.**

Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is the cup of salvation. Drink from it and remember me." **We remember.**

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and cup, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit and upon these gifts. Make them Christ for us. Make us one in Christ as we pray for the church and the world:

That we may proclaim the gospel boldly, **Hear us, O God.**

That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary, **Hear us, O God.**

That our beloved dead may be raised, and death's power vanquished, **Hear us, O God.**

That all who are possessed, oppressed, and distressed may be set free, **Hear us, O God.**

Come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, this day, and every day until that day when we eat together in your kingdom and our rejoicing shall know no end. All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy God, now and forever. **Amen!**

We eat together in grace and love. We drink together in mercy and salvation.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Lord, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this meal and the grace we receive from you strengthen us in love. Send us to serve you as we serve others in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Beauty of the Dancer by Sara Thomsen
Geraldyn Sorensen

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:27-31

God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

FIRST READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." But he didn't respond to her at all. His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us." Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel." But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me." He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table." Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

HYMN

We are the Church (#558)

Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

Sometimes the church is marching,
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,
always it's learning.

We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.

And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying:

SERMON

Where do you call home?

Rev. Rachael Warner

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rock Me Gentle by Colleen Fullmer
Geraldyn Sorensen

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Rachael Warner

THE 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 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. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (#557)

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Lord is my Rock by Stephen Otis

Organist, Diane Gronewold
Worship Tech, Jake Berg

