



Walking with Wesley
Sunday, October 17, 2021

PRELUDE

With Faith Renewed arr. by Thomas

INTROIT

Oh How He Loves You and Me arr. by Kaiser
Chancel Choir

WELCOME

HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have (#413)

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify
A never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will

Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely
Assured if I my trust betray, I shall forever die

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we gather, in body and spirit!

We come to worship God with all our hearts!

We offer our praises together in one voice.

Praise be to God! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we gather here to meet you. We ask for your presence with us now. We seek your grace, that we may live in the world as followers of Jesus. Inspire and sustain us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Present At Our Table (#621)

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.

Children & youth dismissed to Sunday School with Joan Hartman (Director of Family Ministries)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shout to the Lord arr.by Pethel
Chancel Choir

FIRST READING

Excerpts from *The Means of Grace* sermon by John Wesley

By 'means of grace' I understand outward signs, words, or actions ordained of God, and appointed for this end – to be the ordinary channels whereby he might convey to men preventing, justifying, and sanctifying grace....

...[The] sure and general rule for all who groan for the salvation of God is this, -- whenever opportunity serves, use all the means which God has ordained; for who knows in which God will meet thee with the grace that bringeth salvation.

...In using all means, seek God alone. In and through every outward thing, look singly to the power of his Spirit; and the merits of his Son. Beware you do not stick in the work itself; if you do, it is all lost labour. Nothing short of God can satisfy your soul. Therefore, eye him in all, through all, and above all.

...Remember also, to use all means, as means; as ordained, not for their own sake, but in order to the renewal of your soul in righteousness and true holiness.

SECOND READING

Matthew 7:24-27 (CEB)

"Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed."

HYMN

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone (#385)

Let us plead for faith alone, faith which by our works is shown
God it is who justifies, only faith the grace applies
Active faith that lives within, conquers hell and death and sin
Hallows whom it first made whole, forms the Savior in the soul

Let us for this faith contend, sure salvation is the end
Heaven already is begun, everlasting life is won
Only let us persevere till we see our Lord appear
Never from the Rock remove, saved by faith with works by love

SERMON

Putting the “Method” in Methodism

Rev. Rachael Warner

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are Called arr. by Hayes

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues (#57)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of his grace

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune arr. by McCrory

Organist - Diane Gronewold
Worship Tech - Jake Berg