



LGBTQ+ Pride Sunday Service — August 9, 2020

Prelude: “*Venetian Boat Song*” - Felix Mendelssohn

A Litany of Praise to Our Welcoming God

Leader: Blessed be our welcoming God, † Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Gracious God of many names,

**C: We praise you for creating LGBTQ individuals as your beloved children,
who reflect your divine image to the world.**

L: Gracious God of many voices,

**C: We praise you for holy agitators who speak truth to power,
even when it is dangerous and no one is listening.**

L: Gracious God of many peoples,

**C: We praise you for advocates who courageously come out and stand up for all queer people
both inside and outside the Church.**

L: Gracious God of many times,

C: We praise you for peacemakers who draw us all together to work for equality and justice.

L: Gracious God of many faces,

**C: We praise you for those who envision a world where all people are celebrated for the diversity
of gender identities and sexual orientations, races and cultures, ages and abilities.**

L: Gracious God of many communities,

**C: We praise you for this welcoming congregation and other faith groups
where all may safely live and hear your words of acceptance.**

L: Gracious God of many welcomes,

**C: We praise you for Jesus and for prophets of every time and race who have spoken
with still, small voices and with shouts of joy to proclaim your love for all people. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW #641 – “All Are Welcome”

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell, how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

***Refrain:* All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness, and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed, as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

Greeting:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Kyrie:

Assistant: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,
Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: Help, save and de - fend us, O
Congregation: God. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Welcoming and protecting God,

C: Storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid of others and ourselves.

Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children from fear,

and preserve us in the love of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: I Kings 19:9-15

- Haley Kroshus

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon

L: ⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**C: ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: ¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter. **C: Glory, to you O Lord.**

Matthew 14:22-33

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: "A Still, Small Voice"

Hymn of the Day: ELW #763 – My Life Flows on in Endless Song

**1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain:

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? Refrain**

**3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. Refrain**

**4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? Refrain**

Prayers of Intercession – Each petition ends with the following response:

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion: *We invite you to share the bread and wine/grape juice with one another at home.*

Communion Hymn: ELW #755 – “Jesus Savior, Pilot Me”

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me, over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**
- 2 As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey thy will when thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**
- 3 When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pilot thee."**

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing:

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Leader: May God, creator, bless us and keep us, may Christ by ever light for our eyes, may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path, all of our days.

A - men.

Dismissal - L: Go in peace. Share the Good News! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: “My Life Flows On” - *Jeremy Young*

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