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LOTV Worship Sunday, July 18, 2021 / 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

We will be celebrating Communion during worship this morning. All are welcome! You will need to provide your own elements of bread and wine or juice for Holy Communion for our 9:30 am worship service.

Call to Worship

Leader: We worship as we live, in the Grace of God, the Compassion of Jesus Christ, and the Healing Hope of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Let us worship God with gladness; we come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's own; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

All: We come with thanksgiving and praise. Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name.

Leader: For God is good, God's steadfast love for all creation endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

All: Gracious God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for our blessings, and serve you through our love and service of each other. Amen.

Leader: From the cowardice that dares not face new truth, from the complacency that is contented with half-truth, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, we come to this place trusting in the promises of God to confess our sins to God and to each other.

(A Time of Silence for Personal Reflection and Confession.)

Leader: Gracious and merciful God,

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, our words, and our actions, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the Glory of your holy name. Amen

Leader: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you of all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become Children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

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

All: And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader: (sung) In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of musical notation in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, with lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have'. The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' and a 'to Verses' instruction at the end. The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes.

Leader: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the ... **(Refrain)**

Leader: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the ... **(Refrain)**

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

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Song of Praise

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us
to be one great peo - ple of God. D.C.

Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. D.C.

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us
peo - ple of God; to make all things new. D.C.

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: O God,

All: powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

After each reading –

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Ephesians 2: 11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Gospel Reading

After reading – Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Mark 6: 30 -34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and

he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon

Song

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Verses



1. The Lord is my shep-herd, my shield and my
2. If I walk in the val-ley of dark-ness, the
3. Sure-ly good-ness and kind-ness will al-ways pur -
4. The Lord is my shep-herd, green pas-tures, cool



strong-hold, de-fend-ing me sound-ly, re-deem-ing my shame.
shad-ow of death, then no fear will I have, you are there
sue me. My ta-ble is full now; my cup o-ver-flows.
wa-ter; He ten-ders me al-ways, love ev-er the same.



He will an-swer my call 'til the fall of the
with your staff and your rod, O my God, give me
While my head is a-noint-ed the time is ap -
He will an-swer my call 'til the fall of the



moun-tains, the fall of the cit-ies; he's true to his name.
com-fort, O God give me com-fort, as al-ways you have.
point-ed; for-ev-er I live in the house of the Lord.
moun-tains, the fall of the cit-ies; he's true to his name.

Refrain



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, the Lord is my



shep-herd and ev-er the same. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-



lu-ia, the Lord is my shep-herd; he's true to his name.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator, who moved upon the face of the deep at the beginning of creation, who created all that is, all that will be, who spoke through the prophets of old. We believe in Jesus Christ, into whom God's Spirit was poured in fullness and power, that the whole creation might be restored, healed and unified; and who promised that the Spirit would come and fill the faithful with power to witness to the mighty love of God. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes within us the breath of God. We wait on the Spirit today with longing hearts, seeking to be empowered to witness to God's love in Christ, with fresh and courageous actions of love and hope. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Leader: You are indeed Holy, Gracious and Merciful God ... This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior and our Friend.

Leader: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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 and ever. Amen

Holy Communion is Received

Post Communion Blessing

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you grace, mercy and peace now and in all your days!

All: Amen

Leader: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

All: Amen

Sending Song: "Praise to You, O God of Mercy"

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Blessing and Sending

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!!