



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without.

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

Nehemiah - Putting Feet to Prayer **Christ the King Sunday** ***"Anchoring Future Generations"*** **November 21, 2021**

Nehemiah traveled to the Persian capital to meet with King Artaxerxes. When he returned, he discovered that all sorts of practices had begun in the Temple that violated God's Law. He prayed to God that all the good work he led would not have been in vain, and also that the people would not forget God as their ancestors had done. Nehemiah then put feet to his prayers, and he began reforming the religious practices, including putting in place a strict observance of the Sabbath.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assisting Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)

CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION

“Give Us Clean Hands”

Charlie Hall

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees;
oh Spirit, come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things;
oh Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;
let us not lift our souls to another.
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;
let us not lift our souls to another.

And, oh God, let us be a generation that seeks,
that seeks your face, oh God of Jacob;
and, oh God, let us be a generation that seeks,
that seeks your face, oh God of Jacob.

FORGIVENESS



(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING SONG

“Come Thou Fount”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

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(Please be seated.)

MISSION MOMENT

“Advent by Candlelight”

Marion Turowski

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Patti Tieman

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 13:10-22

A: The first reading is from the book of Nehemiah, the thirteenth chapter.

I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them; so that the Levites and the singers, who had conducted the service, had gone back to their fields. So I remonstrated with the officials and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” And I gathered them together and set them in their stations. Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses. And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses the priest Shelemiah, the scribe Zadok, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan son of Zaccur son of Mattaniah, for they were considered faithful; and their duty was to distribute to their associates. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service. In those days I saw in Judah people treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys; and also wine, grapes, figs, and all

kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I warned them at that time against selling food. Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of merchandise and sold them on the sabbath to the people of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I remonstrated with the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the sabbath day? Did not your ancestors act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by profaning the sabbath.” When it began to be dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the sabbath. And I set some of my servants over the gates, to prevent any burden from being brought in on the sabbath day. Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. But I warned them and said to them, “Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you.” From that time on they did not come on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL

Mark 11:15-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

C. J. Clark, Executive Director, Living Water Ministries
“Anchoring Future Generations”

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING

1 Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

OFFERING

“You Are My King”

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: 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.

(Please be seated.)

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is a meal instituted by Jesus Christ that involves the receiving of God’s forgiveness in a tangible form – we receive Jesus’s life-giving body and blood in the presence of bread and wine (or grape juice). The meal is a time of remembrance and celebration.

Who can take part?

Holy Communion is something that not one of us has earned, so we receive it as God’s free gift of life. The Church traditionally recommends that people be baptized before taking part, but all that is required is simply a heart that believes in Jesus Christ. If a person of any age wishes to be baptized, please let us know.

How does Holy Communion take place?

If you wish to take part, come forward as directed by the ushers. You will receive the wafer from the Pastor and the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. If you wish to come forward for a blessing only, please cross your arms across your chest. You may also remain seated if you so wish.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG

“All Hail the Power”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God!**

P: And next time ...

C: **... we'll invite a friend!**

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.*

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VIRTUAL WORSHIP – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

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