



Service of Worship August 4, 2024 9:30am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in the Park

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name; make God's deeds known to all the people!

**All: For God is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

One: Sing God's praises; tell of God's wonderful works, and glory in God's holy name!

Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**All: For God is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

One: Search for God, and for God's strength. Never stop looking for God.

**All: For God is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

**Morning has broken like the first morning; Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning; Praise for them springing fresh from the Word**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven; Like the first dew fall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden; Sprung in completeness where His feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning; Born of the One Light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning; God's recreation of the new day**

**Morning has broken like the first morning; Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning; Praise for them springing fresh from the Word**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you and all others!**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:4–11 (NRSVue)

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22–33 (NRSVue)

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward

Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Telling Our Story: Have Courage" Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Rev. Karen Wright

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People — *partake of the bread first and then drink as instructed.*

Music During Communion "Seek Ye First"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG "10,000 Reasons"

[Chorus]

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name**

[Verse 1]

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me; Let me be singing when the evening comes**

[Chorus]

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name**

[Verse 2]

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger; Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

[Chorus]

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name**

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