

Worship Leader Guide

DATE: Sunday, August 4, 2024

SERIES TITLE: In Weakness and in Strength

THEME: Open Your Heart

Preacher: D.S. Pastor Karen McRae

Holy Communion: Gary T

Liturgist: John K

Accompanist: Leigh Ann C

Greeters/Ushers: TBA

Media Technicians: Kristen S

Nursery Attendant: Shirley C

PRELUDE

PRAISE VIDEO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*With Tammy away there will be no announcements
John Will add some simple announcements after the initial praise video*

WELCOME & WORDS OF GRACE (Gary)

[RIFFS & WELCOMES PEOPLE INTO PRAYER]
[Pianist plays softly underneath Pastor as (he/she/they) speaks.]

1. Online Guests

2. Presence is a Gift

3. _____

4. _____

Prayer of Confession (Gary)

Let us Pray Together

Continue, O Lord, to extend your grace and mercy to us, your unworthy servants.

We have failed you because you depended on us to be your witnesses, but we were too embarrassed to testify about your faithfulness. We were too busy to speak a word in your name. We are neither anxious nor ready to sit and reflect deeply on Holy Scriptures. Good Lord, extend your grace and mercy as we ask your forgiveness. In order to receive your forgiveness, we

know that we need to forgive everyone who has offended us. Help us to hold nothing against anyone, for that may jeopardize our gift of forgiveness from you. Set us free to live fully in you, and to love all unreservedly. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

[CONG RESPONSE "Change my Heart O God" Black Hymnal #2152]

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.

Chorus
You are the Potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
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[LITURGIST INVITES CONGREGATION TO STAND & JOIN]

CALL TO WORSHIP (John)

Please stand if you are able and join in our Call to Worship!

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: We are part of God's good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin and toward the love of God.

One: Family of God, what is our story?

Many: We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love and the mercy of God's grace.

One: Family of God, this is our story and our song!

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (John)

Let us continue our worship by greeting one another in the name of Christ. If you would like, stand and greet one another. However, if you see someone sitting in their pew, perhaps a slight nod will do.

Please greet one another.

SCRIPTURE READING - 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a (John)

Almighty God, by the power of your holy spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. A reading from 2 Samuel.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.

When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.

The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.

Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him."

Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.

Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight.

For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight."

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

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SCRIPTURE READING - John 6:24-35 (John)

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

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When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?"

Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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MESSAGE (Pastor Karen McRae)

Called to Account

Prayers for Peace (Pastor Karen)

We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly between the Holy Trinity may renew and deepen the life of each of us and draw us all into young unending life.

[Cong. Response "You Are My Hiding Place" TFWS# 2055 **NO REPEAT**]

You are my hiding place,
you always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance,
whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you,
I will trust in you.
Let the weak say,
I am strong
in the strength of the Lord.

For our families, our households, and our communities, may we see one another as family and strengthen each other up for the trials to come.

[Cong. Response "You Are My Hiding Place" TFWs# 2055 **NO REPEAT**]

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For the sick and those who suffer in any way; for those who struggle to pay rent or a mortgage; for those who have no home; for those who are neglected and abused in our communities; for people who long for family and are instead alone; for children who do not have a good guide to raise them up; and for whatever you see that we need.

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Into your hands, we entrust all that is of concern this day, sure that you hear our pleas. Hear now the prayers that are on our hearts and minds.

We lift up prayers today for those names we know and whose situations are close to the heart.

PRAYERS and CONCERNS from the Congregation (Pastor Karen)

(Pastor Gary T)

[Congregational Response “Communion Setting” [TFSW #2257a]

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God: you are a shepherd for your people— feeding them, protecting them from danger, binding up their wounds, searching for the lost, and bringing them safely home. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

[Congregational Response “Communion Setting” [TFSW

#2257b] Holy, holy, holy Lord;

God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Jesus is coming in glory to judge the world. Those who have cared for the needs of the least will be welcomed into his promised kin-dom.

[Congregational Response “Communion Setting” [TFSW #2257c]

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor Gary T Prays

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[PEOPLE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION]

[INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN FOR COMMUNION.]

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES (John)

PRAYER (John)

One body, one Spirit, one hope,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all,
take this patchwork collection of persons
and quilt together your church.
Like old pieces of cloth,
take these words and songs and prayers,
take our thoughts and inner hungers,
and join them all together into a new and living fabric—
the purpose of which is to cover and color your world
(or at least our corner of it)
with grace and love. In Christ. Amen.

HYMN # 2172. Black book. "We are Called"

1

Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God

2

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

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3

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

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We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God

[PASTOR GIVES BENEDICTION FROM FRONT]

BENEDICTION & BLESSING [Pastor Karen McRae]

Paster Karen's Benediction and Blessing

Benediction

Beloved, may God bless you as you go from this place carrying the Word in your hearts, living the story we share with the saints of old and the saints of now as we break down barriers to community and build up the kin-dom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Blessing

Pastor Karen's Blessing

POSTLUDE "The Everlasting Arms" by Lani Smith

Leigh Ann Corcoran, Pianist

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgy by:
Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion

<https://billingsgrace.breezechms.com/form/virtualpewcard>

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