

***Sunday, September 8, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***



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God Is Still Speaking

Welcome to Immanuel

*Who ever you are, where ever you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here.*

Spencer Jones

Music Coordinator

Those serving us this Sunday, Sept 8, 2024

Greeters: Gary and Judy Joosten

Ushers: Gary and Judy Joosten

Reader: Pastor

Those serving us this Sunday, Sept 15, 2024

Greeters: Chuck Wolf and Bob Vande Hey

Ushers: Chuck Wolf and Bob Vande Hey

Reader: Pastor

Please pray for:

Beverly Wilfling

Larry Schroeder

Chuck Wolf

Jean Vande Hey

Lois Hoppe

Tom Rihm

Welcome and Announcements

† *indicates congregation is invited to stand*
(Please sign the attendance sheet)

Morning Has Broken

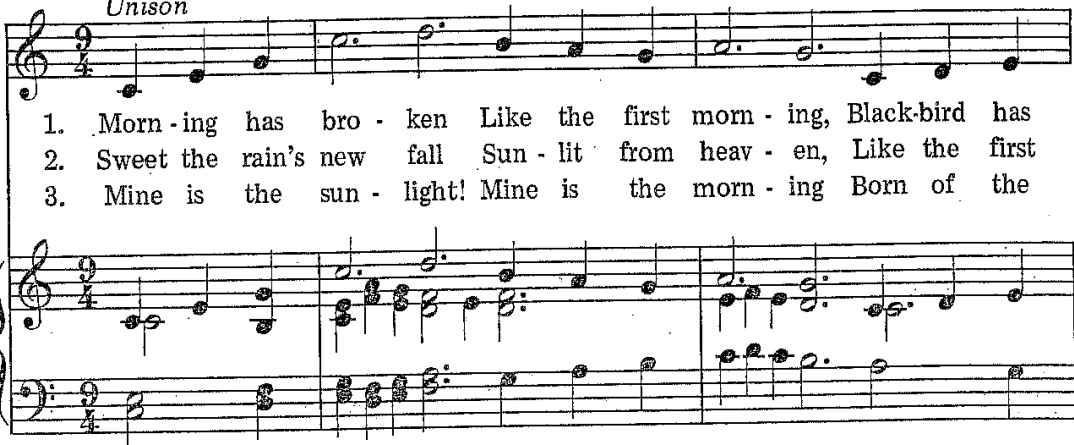
BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Harm. by David Evans, 1927

Unison



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,



Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

Sunday, September 8, 2024—Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (L=Leader; **P=People**)

L: Jesus Christ has invited us to share in his ministry and to labor for God's kingdom.

P: We come with open minds, open hearts, and open hands to praise God and commit ourselves to all that God would have us do.

Opening Hymn No. 29: "Morning Has Broken"

1. 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!
2. Sweet the rain's fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.
3. 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!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

We give you thanks, O God, for calling us as partners in the work of redemption, and for the gifts of the Spirit that equip us to carry on all that was begun in Christ. Join us as we worship you. Hear our praises; receive our prayers; then send us out into the world to spread your love throughout the world. Amen!

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 125 (W=Women, **M=Men**)

W: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

M: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

W: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

M: so that the righteous may not stretch out their hands and do wrong.

W: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

M: But those who turn aside to their own wicked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

W: Peace be upon Israel!

First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the Lord pleads their cause,
and despoils the life of those who despoil them.

Epistle Reading:

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes, and say, "Have a seat here please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

For what good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say that you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith, by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, he signed and said to him, "Ephphathah," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.:

Here ends this reading of the scripture

589 Here I Am, Lord

"Whom shall I send?" I said, "Here am I. Send me." Isaiah 6:8

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte; based on Isaiah 6:8

MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte

HERE I AM, LORD
7.7.7.4.D. with Refrain

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COMMITMENT AND OBEDIENCE

Refrain Harmony optional

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, If You

lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Hymn No. 589

“Here I Am, Lord”

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Prayers of the People 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 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!

Sermon: "Compassion That Challenges Conventionality"

Offering

Unison Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, O God, for all that your love has done, and is doing, among us. With grateful hearts we bring our lives and our gifts to you. Bless these offerings, and the ministry that they support, and grant that our actions may accomplish all that you intend. Amen!

Closing Hymn No. 80 "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

1. Savior, again to your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We join to bless you ere our worship cease,
Then, in the silence, wait your word of peace.
2. Grant us your peace upon our home-ward way;
With you began, with you shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon your name.
3. Grant us your peace, as day turns into night;
Stay with us till the coming of the light;
Keep safe all those who call upon your name,
For dark and light to you are both the same.
4. Grant us your peace through-out our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O God, to your eternal peace.

Benediction

Postludes

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

John Ellerton, 1866; alt.

Ps. 141:3-4a; 139:11-12; John 14:27

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home-ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, as day turns in - to night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 stay with us till the com - ing of the light;
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

We join to bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep safe all those who call up - on your name,
 Then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, in the si - lence, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 for dark and light to you are both the same.
 call us, O God, to your e - ter - nal peace.

John Ellerton, a priest of the Church of England, wrote this hymn for a choral association festival. The final stanza was sung at his funeral. Ellerton edited and contributed to numerous hymnals.

Tune: ELLERS 10.10.10.
 Edward J. Hopkins, 18

Office Hours this Week
Pastor's Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri 10 - 2
Heather's Hours:

REMINDER: Heather will be out of the office 9/4 to 9-20. Off 9-10 to 9-12, working remotely the rest of the time.

Looking Forward

We would like for everyone to please sign the Pew Pads again. This will allow us to know who is at services.

The Food Pantry is open from 12:30-2:30 on the first, second and third Wed of the month. If you or someone you know cannot meet these hours, please talk to Heather or Judy.

Community meal every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Sept 11 Community Meal 5pm

Birthday Blessings

Nadison Burow Sept 9
Evelyn Luebke Sept 11
Carla Lincoln Sept 14
James Koski Sept 14
Jennifer Grossen Sept 14

Anniversary Blessings

Chuck & Karen Wolf Sept 14

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE: If you need emergency Pastoral care, call Rev. Tom Fritz at (920-268-5757) Please leave a detailed message. Talk slowly and leave: 1) your name & phone number; 2. which hospital and who the person is and room #; 3. anything else necessary to help him understand the situation. If you need to talk to the secretary, you can reach Heather at 920-734-7843. Any other church concerns, please contact Bob Vande Hey at 920-740-6177.