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Beloit, Wisconsin

Worship Bulletin

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GATHERING – The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy and forgiveness. (Silence is kept.)

Pastor: For those times when we have lost sight of your love, falling into despair for ourselves and the world... (pause for reflection) Heal us, God,

People: and grant us a new beginning.

Pastor: For those times when we have lost perspective, putting our own concerns before the needs of all... (pause for reflection) Heal us, God,

People: and grant us a new beginning.

Pastor: For those times when we have taken for granted the gifts that you have given to us... (pause for reflection) Heal us, God,

People: and grant us a new beginning.

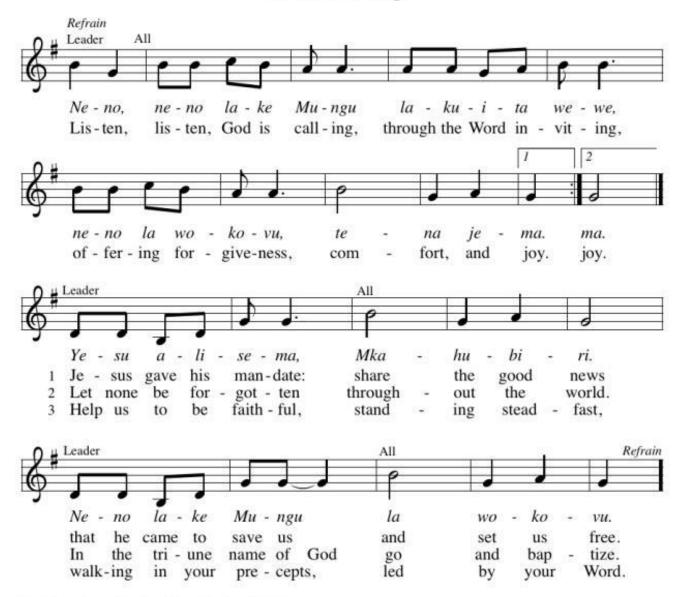
Pastor: For those times when we have chosen to ignore injustice, and neglected those in need... (pause for reflection)
Heal us, God,

People: and grant us a new beginning.

Pastor: God has heard our confession, loves us still and, through Christ, offers healing and a new beginning. Hear then, Christ's gracious words:

"Your + sins are forgiven."

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.



Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD – God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28

Though Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, his jealous brothers sold him into slavery. Judah, who protected Joseph's life, later gives a moving speech before Joseph in Egypt, indicating that the brothers had changed their ways (44:18-34).

¹Jacob lived in the land of Canaan where his father was an immigrant. ²This is the account of Jacob's descendants. Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long robe. ⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him and couldn't even talk nicely to him.

¹²Joseph's brothers went to tend their father's flocks near Shechem. ¹³Israel said to Joseph, "Aren't your brothers tending the sheep near Shechem? Come, I'll send you to them."

And he said, "I'm ready."

¹⁴ Jacob said to him, "Go! Find out how your brothers are and how the flock is, and report back to me."

So Jacob sent him from the Hebron Valley. When he approached Shechem, ¹⁵a man found him wandering in the field and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

¹⁶ Joseph said, "I'm looking for my brothers. Tell me, where are they tending the sheep?"

¹⁷The man said, "They left here. I heard them saying, 'Let's go to Dothan." So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

¹⁸ They saw Joseph in the distance before he got close to them, and they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹ The brothers said to each other, "Here comes the big dreamer. ²⁰ Come on now, let's kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we'll say a wild animal devoured him. Then we will see what becomes of his dreams!"

²¹When Reuben heard what they said, he saved him from them, telling them, "Let's not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Don't spill his blood! Throw him into this desert cistern, but don't lay a hand on him." He intended to save Joseph from them and take him back to his father.

²³When Joseph reached his brothers, they stripped off Joseph's long robe, ²⁴took him, and threw him into the cistern, an empty cistern with no water in it. ²⁵When they sat down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with camels carrying sweet resin, medicinal resin, and fragrant resin on their way down to Egypt. ²⁶Judah said to his brothers, "What do we gain if we kill our brother and hide his blood? ²⁷Come on, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites. Let's not harm him because he's our brother; he's family." His brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up out of the cistern. They sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver, and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

Reader: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

¹⁴ Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. ²⁴ Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. ²⁵ Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR LUCY WYNARD

SONG OF THE DAY

I Will Follow

Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Reuben Morgan

Intro (x2)

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow

Verse 1

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You, ye-ah (x2)

²⁷ Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ And Jesus said, "Come."

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

³³ Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

Verse 2

Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You, ye-ah (x2)

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Chorus (x2)

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud. We join together in lifting our prayers to God.

Intercessor: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Intercessor: For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family work together to sustain and be sustained by the resources you have created. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany

all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day, especially all those on our prayer list and those whom we name now . . . (long pause for names to be offered) Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray especially today for students, teachers, administrators, and parents preparing for a new school year, and for all those struggling with hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself . . . (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

OFFERING

You are invited – and encouraged – to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshipping apart. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526. Please check the eNews and Newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

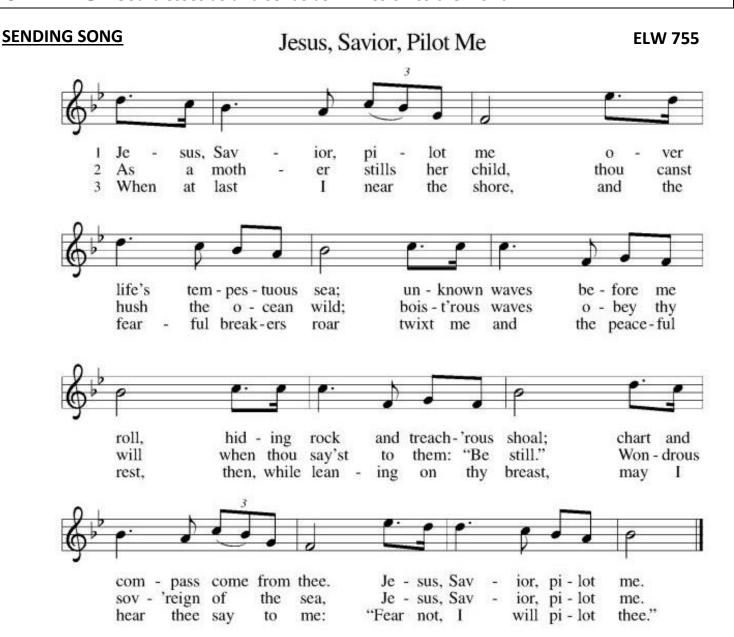
PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those around you — observing safe distance guidelines. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ's Peace this week. Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

SENDING – God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888

Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: God go before you to lead you, God go behind you to protect you, God go beneath you to support you, God go beside you to befriend you.

Do not be afraid. May the blessing of God - the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you. Do not be afraid. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor

Organist & Director of Music

Reader

Intercessor

Rev. Lucy Wynard

David Frank

Cathy Oswald

Marilyn Harris

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PRAYER LIST

Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested.

Carol and her nephews, Anthony & Thomas (Carol is back in the hospital awaiting another surgery); Loraine (Beth Rodermel's niece); Cliff & Linda (friends of Chuck & Sherri Hughes); Jane; Gloria; Jenna & her mother Jamie (friends of Sara Mueller); Pam & family (friends of Anne & Karl Schilling); Bonnie & James (friends of Karl & Anne Schilling); Dave & Bono (relatives of Bob Heck); Paul (Shirley Hallmark's nephew); Richard & Charlene; Jackie, her son Thomas and grandson Reece; Will; Bryan; Debbie (sister of Chet Organ); Todd (friend of Chet Organ); Marilyn; Jewell and her great-grandson John Wellington; Roger; Nicole & Katherine (daughters of Mary Mortimer); Jeanette; Karen; Maxine; Robert; Ray & Judelle, and daughters Michelle and Amber; Robert (friend of Judelle Murphy); Cyndi; Edith; Lori; Vi; Kelly (friend of Gloria Wackershauser); Cyndi (niece of Marge Kline); Marge; Leroy; Joyce; Ashley; and all those affected by Covid-19 and by the violence in our nation and around the world.

<u>Friends and Family in the Military:</u> Nolan; Anaka; Wesley (grandson of Jeanette Rochester); Blaine and Kyle (grandsons of Kathryn Schoon); Kyle & Kim (grandson of Marge Kline & his wife); Marc (son of Tom Hulbert); David and Adam (grandsons of Addie Flowers); and Matthew (grandson of Pat & Roger Baker).