



God's work. Our hands.



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Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Call to Worship: “I Am A C” (CCLI 7063534 *chorus only*) (*acapella*)

I am A C
I am A C-H
I am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N
And I have C-H-R-I-S-T in my H-E-A-R-T
And I will L-I-V-E-E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: “Every Move I Make” (CCLI 1595726)

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You

La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la

La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la

La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la

La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la

Waves of mercy waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God this love how can it be (*repeat whole song*)

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

Children’s Message (*10:30 a.m.*)

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a} the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: James 2:1-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ 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,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the 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? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (ELW 172)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ [Jesus] set out and went away 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,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sharing The Message

Hymn of the Day: "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)" (CCLI 2332149)

(Call & Response)

Left

You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love You
All of my days

Right

You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love You
all of my days

(Left and right sing different words at same time)

I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the living God You're my saving grace
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

(Call & Response)

You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love You
All of my days

You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love You
all of my days

(Left and right sing different words at same time)

I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
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You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the living God You're my saving grace
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

All

You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

Distribution and Blessing of Bibles

The Prayers of the Children of God

Each petition ends...Hear us, O God,

Congregation responds...Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" (ELW 184)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving

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.

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.

Invitation to Communion / Distribution of Holy Communion

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Communion Songs: “Sanctuary” (CCLI 24140)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You. (*repeat twice*)

“Build a Longer Table” (ACS 1062)

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

“Blessed Assurance” (ELW 638)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

Post-Communion Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Hymn: "Bennydiction" (*acapella*)

(Call & Response)

Left

Sending forth Gods' love
As we leave this place
From all comforts here
We are sent with grace

Right

Sending forth Gods' love
As we leave this place
From all comforts here
We are sent with grace

All

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you
May God look upon you with favor
and give you peace

Left

Sending forth Gods' love
As we leave this place
From all comforts here
We are sent with grace

Right

Sending forth Gods' love
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May the Lord bless you and keep you
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you
May God look upon you with favor
and give you peace

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you
May God look upon you with favor
and give you peace

So go in peace, to love and service the Lord
So go in peace, thanks be to God
So go in peace, Alleluia, amen
So go in peace.

Sending Song: “Salaam Aleikum” (acapella)

Salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le,
salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le.
Salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le,
salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le.

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

May peace be in your hearts,
May peace be in your homes,
May peace be in your land,
May peace be in our world.

May peace be in your hearts,
May peace be in your homes,
May peace be in your land,
May peace be in our world.

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

Dismissal

A: We work together to spread Christ's love with our community

C: Through an Open Heart, Open Mind, and an Open Table.

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

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