

Sunday, February 17, 2019  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

**\*GATHERING SONG**

***"Shout to the North"***

Men of faith rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

***Refrain***

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r  
Of our awesome King of love ***Refrain***

Rise up church with broken wings  
Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high  
By His grace again we'll fly ***Refrain***

We've been through fire  
We've been through rain  
We've been refined  
By the pow'r of His name  
We've fallen deeper  
In love with You  
You've burned  
The truth on our lips ***Refrain***

**Ending**

Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

**\*GREETING**

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

**G** **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ *Living God,*

☞ **in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**ANTHEM**

***"The Beatitudes"***  
Chancel Choir

Avery and Marsh

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

**Reflection**

*The Lord, through Jeremiah, tells the people of Judah what happens when they trust in those who are not trustworthy. (verse 5) Who have the people trusted in? What does it mean to trust in "mere flesh"? Jeremiah uses a simile (something is like something else) to illustrate. To what does he compare those who trust in the wrong people? (verse 8) What happens when there is no water? What is the difference between them and "those who trust in the Lord"? (verse 7) To what are they compared? (verse 8) How do they survive in hot, dry, unpromising times? What is Jeremiah's observation about who people choose to trust? (verse*

9) Who knows the human mind and heart? (verse 10) Do you always know what is right, and in whom to trust? How does God “know” what our hearts are like?

### PSALM 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

### Reflection

*This psalm echoes what we read in the Jeremiah reading. Who is compared to trees that bear fruit and do not dry up? (verses 1-3) What happens to those people? In contrast, the psalmist describes what happens to the wicked. To what are they compared? (verse 4) What will happen to them in the judgment? (verse 5) Sometimes it is easy for us to separate people into “righteous” and “wicked.” What happens to the righteous? (verse 6) To the wicked? What I know for myself, and what the catechism tells me, is that I have within me a combination of saint (because of Christ) and sinner. What will happen within us if the way of the wicked is destroyed?*

### SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

### Reflection

*Paul sets out two sides of the argument in Corinth about the resurrection. What are they? (verse 12) What if there is no resurrection of the dead? (verse 13) Then what? (verse 14) The resurrection of the dead is Paul’s “proof” of our faith in God. (verse 15) What happens to us if Christ has not been raised? (verses 16-17) What happens to our hope if there is no resurrection? (verse 19) But “in fact,” Paul says, what has happened? (verse 20) How do we*

*know this is true? In some ways, we live in a different cultural world than those to whom Paul was writing originally. The question this raises for me is, what difference does it make to our lives here and now if we are resurrected when we die? If for the next life only we have hoped in Christ (verse 19 turned around), what hope have we here? For me, what I see is that hope that hopes for no change in our world today is hopeless. A large part of the Christian faith for me is faith that the justice and healing of Christ will reach into our lives here and now. That is "proof" of the resurrection for me. What do you think?*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Give the glory  
and the honor  
to the Lord! (repeat)**

**\*GOSPEL**

**Luke 6:17-26**

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

### **Reflection**

*Who is with Jesus in this text? (verse 17) Why are they there? (verses 18-19) What does it mean to them (and to us) that Jesus brings hope and healing and freedom from evil (unclean spirits)? Then Jesus teaches his disciples about who they are called to be. Who does he say are blessed? (verses 20-23) I don't know about you, but I find this hard to believe. "Blessed are you who are poor,...hungry,...who weep." "Blessed are you when people hate...exclude...revile...and defame you." Why? And "woe to you who are rich, ...full, ...laughing." Woe to you when people speak well of you"? This is upside down! Except that God promises that the future will be different. Why should we believe that? Go back to our 1 Corinthians text: because we can trust God who raised Jesus from the dead. We don't trust that the future will be better, or that we will make ourselves something out of nothing. That would be foolish indeed, like a bush trying to survive without water in a harsh, dry climate. We have faith, not in the future, not in ourselves, but in God. How would you describe your faith when you live in difficult times?*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kris Langdon

**SERMON**

***"Faith and Trust"***

Rev. Roger Lenander

**SONG OF THE DAY**

***"10,000 Reasons"***

vs 1 Women vs 2 Men vv 3 & 4 Everybody

### ***Refrain***

**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**

**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 *Refrain***

**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 *Refrain***

**And on that day when my strength is failing**

**The end draws near and my time has come**

**Still my soul will sing Your praise unending**

**Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Refrain***

### **Ending**

**Worship Your holy name**

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen!

**\*PRAYER SONG**

*"Hear Our Prayer"*

ELW 178

*sing twice before the prayer and once after the prayer*

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Empower us in ministry and service. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the earth. Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring sufficient rainfall to lands parched by drought, and restore places scorched by wildfire. Protect fragile environments from harm. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Grant wisdom to our elected leaders for the sake of the common good. Give courage to those who suffer persecution. Give patience and perseverance to those who work to bring an end to injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. For those who do not have enough food; for those who lack money; for those who are estranged from their families; for those who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick *especially Mary Anna, Jim and Linda, Marlene, Dorothy, Trina, Linda, Elaine, Lisa and her baby Lara, and for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (pause for 10 seconds).* Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. For newcomers, visitors, longtime members, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Encourage us by their example and lead us in faith until we are united at your unending feast. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen!**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

☞ *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

☞ **And also with you!**

**OFFERTORY**

***“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”*** vv. 1 & 3

Oh, How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

***Refrain***

Oh, how I love Jesus,  
oh, how I love Jesus,  
oh, how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

It tells me what my maker hath  
in store for ev’ry day;  
and though I tread a darksome path,  
yields sunshine all the way. ***Refrain***

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

***“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”***

**ELW 182**

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 the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** *God of all creation,*

**C** **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**\*DIALOGUE**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE**

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosaana,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** *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** *Gathered together in one baptism, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**C** **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen!**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** *Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.*

**\*BLESSING**

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.*

**C** **Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** *We thank you, O God,*

**C** **that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** *The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the  $\text{I}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.*

**C** **Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

**ELW 537**

**On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?**

*Refrain*

**On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**

**Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Refrain***

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** *Go in peace. Christ is your light.*

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Alleluia”*

Charles Callahan