



June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community, proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, and ability into all aspects of our church life.

~ Faith Lutheran Church

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

WELCOME

We are so glad you're here!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this bulletin. Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you.

Prayer requests to be offered during worship can be written on the prayer request card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn.

There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastor, ushers or anyone you see!

We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel **comfortable** here.

Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship. We understand that children have the need to move and make sound; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a **lively, caring and energetic** community.
We are so glad you are here!

Overview of Scripture

Today, we have the culmination of the entire *Bless This Night* vespers service. Each part is meant to draw meaning and depth in scripture and tie in with our lives of faith. The focus of scripture today is on the prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer. Prayer has four parts: We speak, God listens. God speaks, we listen. There is intentional silence given to listen to God speaking to you. Vespers is a time to slow down, to settle, and to welcome the time ahead, marking it as holy.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Our Father, God in Heaven Above* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH*

INVOCATION

One: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection. We come as children of Creator, reconciled by grace through the Son, and filled with God's love through the Spirit.

All: Amen.

One: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

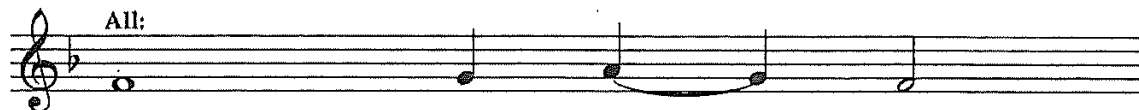
All: As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.

OPENING LITANY & EVENING HYMN from *Bless this Night*

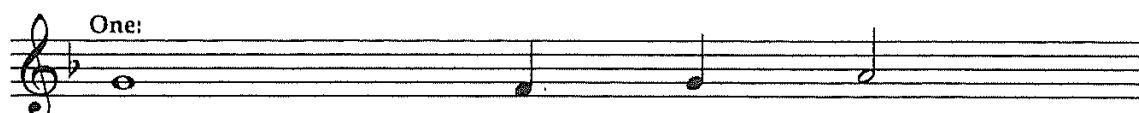
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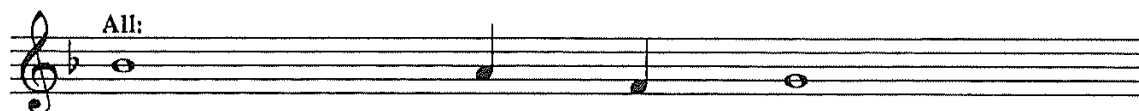
Jesus, you are the life and the truth.



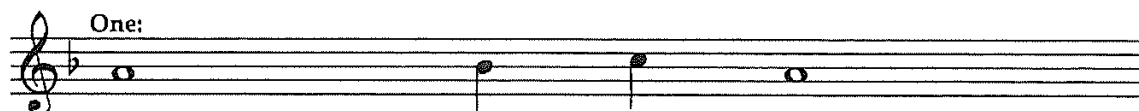
Be with us this eve - ning.



You were there in the be - gin-ning;



You are here with us now.



As the day turns to dusk,

All: Segue to Evening Hymn ↗

prepare us to re - ceive night's bless - ings.

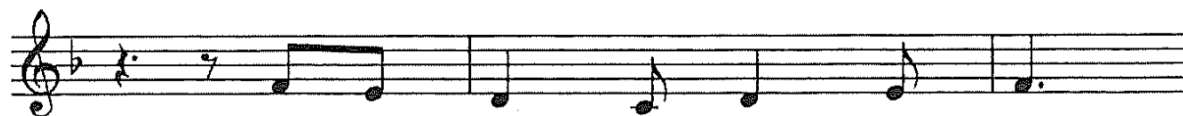
...(bless - ings.)

1. As the eve - ning wind a - ris - es,
 2. Cir - cled with cre - a - tion's beau - ty:
 3. Voi - ces join - ing with each oth - er,
 4. Praise to God, the one who sees me;

dark - ness deep - ens vault - ed skies.
 rav - en call and riv - er song;
 stri - ving for a pur - pose clear,
 Je - sus Christ, be - lov - ed one;

Moun - tain sha - dows fill the val - ley,
 Life a - bund - ant on our jour - ney
 make our dai - ly life to - geth - er
 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth re - veal - ed;

still and qui - et, dusk ar - rives.
 stir - ring won - der: we be - long.
 hard or ea - sy: ev - er dear.
 all our bless - ings come from you.



In the good - ness of the dark
 We em - brace deep my - ste - ry,
 Prac - tice in com - mu - ni - ty
 Mak - er of the day and night,



for the night - time we pre - pare.
 loved by God and full of worth.
 op - ens room for God to start
 called them good and rest - ed too;



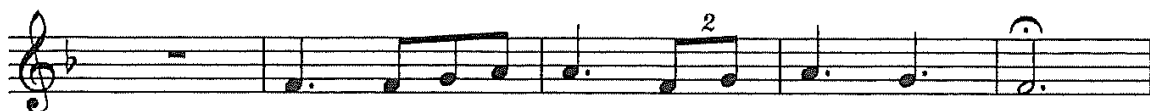
Some claim rest for wea - ry bod - ies;
 Who are we to be en - trust - ed
 buil - ding ju - stice for all peo - ple,
 You who are the breath of li - fe,



oth - ers start the watch in care.
 with the care of our whole earth?
 hea - ling wrongs of hard - ened hearts.
 praise and thanks we give to you.



We gath - er to - geth - er to bless this night!
 We gath - er to - geth - er to stand in awe!
 We gath - er to - geth - er to work for peace!
 We gath - er to - geth - er to praise our God!



We ga - ther to - ge - ther to bless this night!

GREETING

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

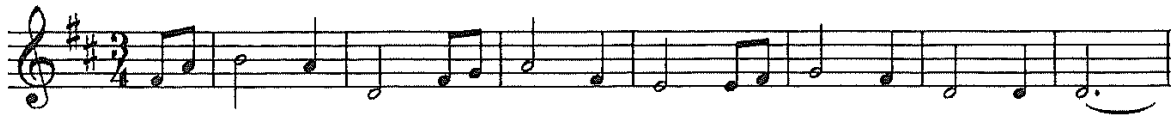
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: I invite you to join me in a spirit of prayer:

Gracious and creating God,

All: You love all that you have made. In the beginning, you blessed the night and day, and everything in between. As we gather, may we remember your love for us. May we share that love and be renewed to work for justice and peace. Amen.

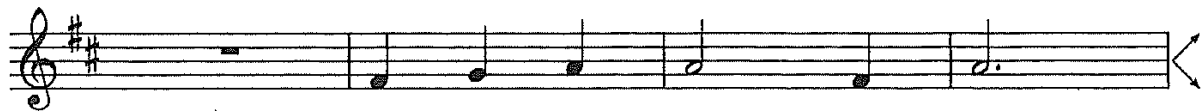
PSALM 121 from *Bless this Night*



1. When I see the moun tains
2. When our feet are slip - ping

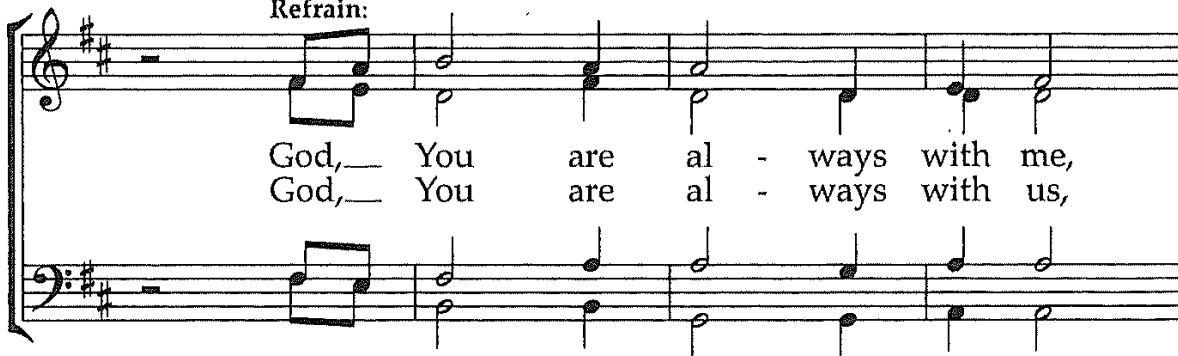


I re - mem - ber my cre - a - tor.
on our way through un - known per - il,

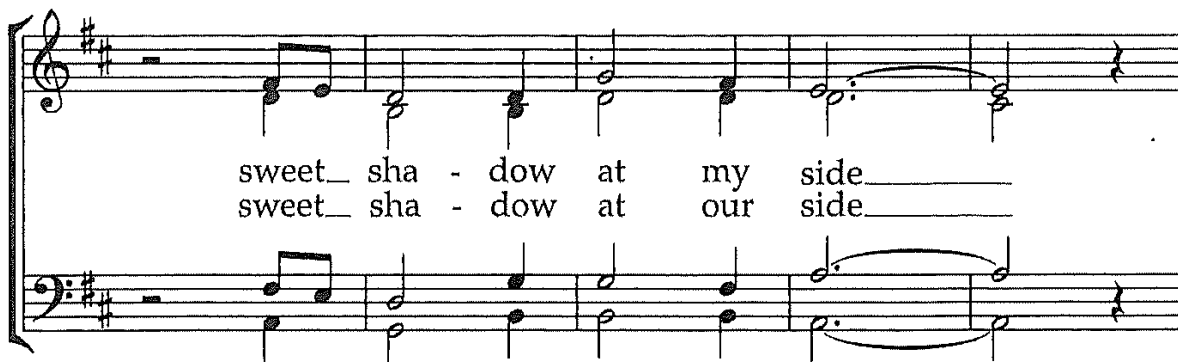


You are my help in need.
You watch and stand close by.

Refrain:



God, — You are al - ways with me,
God, — You are al - ways with us,



sweet_ sha - dow at my side
sweet_ sha - dow at our side

shel - ter - ing me from harm, my -
shel - ter - ing us from harm, our -

stead - y shade from sun and moon; the -
stead - y shade from sun and moon; the -

keep - er of my life.
keep - er of our lives.

2nd time To Coda ⊕

Coda ⊕
Slower

You - keep our go - ing out,

You - keep our com - ing in, from -

this time on, and for - ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

P: Before you were even formed, God knew you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. In your baptism God named you and claimed you. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time.

C: God has gifted you richly.

P: May God lead you to a vocation that brings you joy and fulfillment.

C: As you continue to grow and mature we, your community of faith, will hold you in prayer, will support you, and will celebrate your life milestones.

P: And so we pray, God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates;

C: their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words.

P: Their contributions have blessed and challenged us.

C: We have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

P: As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence.

C: Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their gifts.

P: Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them,

C: while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your life and love.

P: We ask this blessing upon each of them,
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6:4-9

One: Our help comes from God, who keeps our going out and our coming in.
Guide us as we listen to these words.

All: Amen.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-27

One: Our help comes from God, who keeps our going out and our coming in.
Guide us as we listen to these words.

All: Amen.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Luke 11:1-4

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

The Word of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

Period of silence.

During this time, you may hear rustling, coughing, or other human activity. You are invited to focus on your breath, and breathe together with the community that is here.

One: We listen with open hearts.
What does God ask of us?

**All: To do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God and each other.**

ANNUNCIATION & MAGNIFICAT from *Bless This Night*



Out of their dis-tress God's peo - ple cried out for



help, for love, for just - ice. — They want-ed the pow-er of an



arm-y — think-ing it would ease their pain. God, wi-ser than



all, heard their cry and sent a child. — An



an - gel told young Mar - y, "A child_ is to come for



hope, for love, for just-ice. A rev-o-lu-tion in your womb!



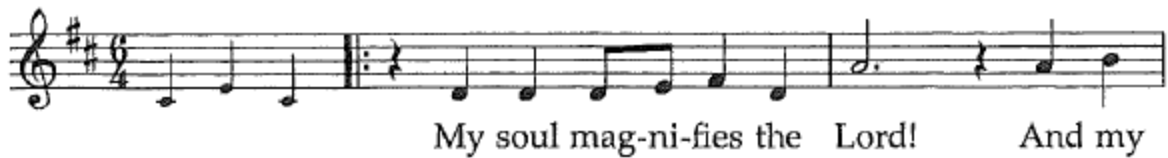
Will you bear the sav - ior, Je - sus?"



Ma-ry rose in awe, "How_ can this be?" —



— Then she ex-claimed with fear and joy:



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord! And my



spir - it de - lights in my sav - ior!



God has seen my low - li - ness and



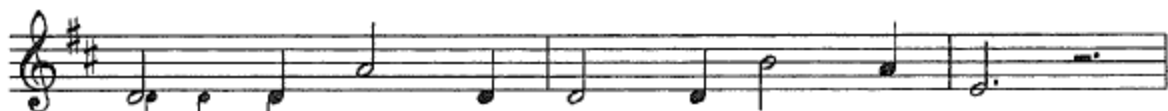
blessed me. I will serve.



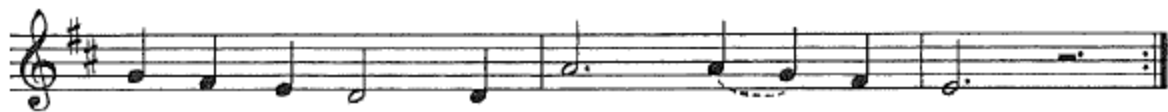
1. Of all the peo - ple in this day and time
2. God's arm of ju - stice ri - ses high.




I have been set a - part; my heart is a - flame.
Ar - ro-gant peo - ple scatt-ered, chaff in the wind.

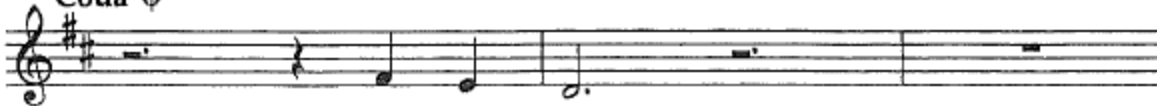


Pow - er - ful in - vi - ting love re - vealed!
Ty - rants torn down, the low - ly lift - ed up.




Ho - ly and great is God's glor - i - ous name!
To those who hun - ger: food with - out end!


Coda 



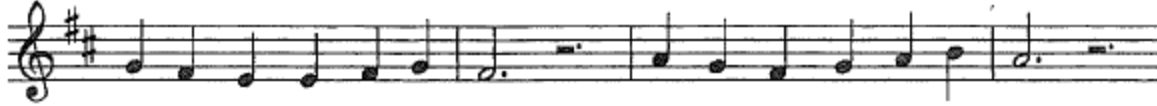
I will serve.




3. We re-mem-ber God's prom - is - es to all, de -



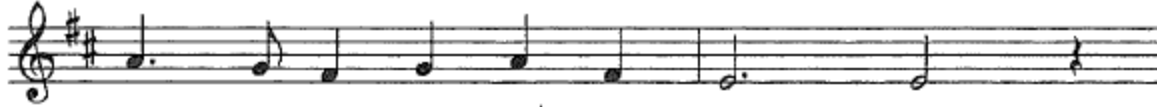
clared to our an - ce - stors Sar - ah and Ab - ra - ham:



just-ice and mer-cy for all, just-ice and mer-cy for all!




My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord! And my



spir - it de - lights in my sav - ior!



God has seen my low - li - ness and



blessed me. I will serve.

PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS from *Bless This Night*

One: In prayer we open ourselves to the mystery of the universe.

**All: We trust that God brings change, in us and through us,
in powerful ways.**

One: We pray for ourselves, our communities, the world,
and all of creation.

All:



God of mer - cy, be with us.

Our help comes from You. [*Pray for individuals...*]

We pray:

God of mercy, be with us.

We walk humbly with You and each other. [*Pray for community...*]

We pray:

God of mercy, be with us.

You keep our going out and our coming in. [*Pray for those in need...*]

We pray:

God of mercy, be with us.

We remember Your promises of justice and mercy for all.

[*Pray for the world...*] We pray:

God of mercy, be with us.

We are circled with creation's beauty. [*Pray for creation...*]

We pray:

God of mercy, be with us.

Segue immediately to the Prayer of Jesus



PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of the peace as you are comfortable.

OFFERING

With thanksgiving, we share our tithes and offerings with God for the work of ministry in the world.

OFFERTORY

To Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ

JOHANN PACHELBEL*

OFFERING PRAYER

One: Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING from *Bless this Night*

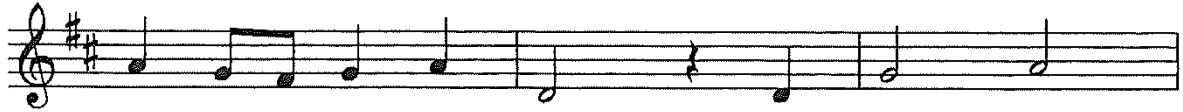
One: The world is ever turning.

All: Turning toward hope, toward love, toward justice.

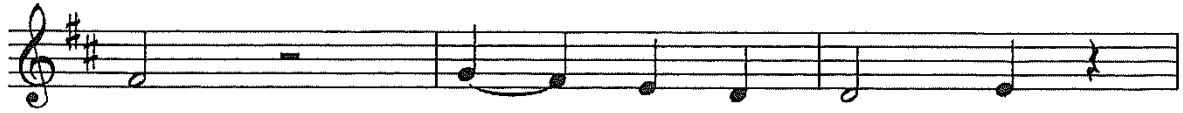
One: May it be so.



Blessed by the God of life, we



go out in - to this night to stretch and



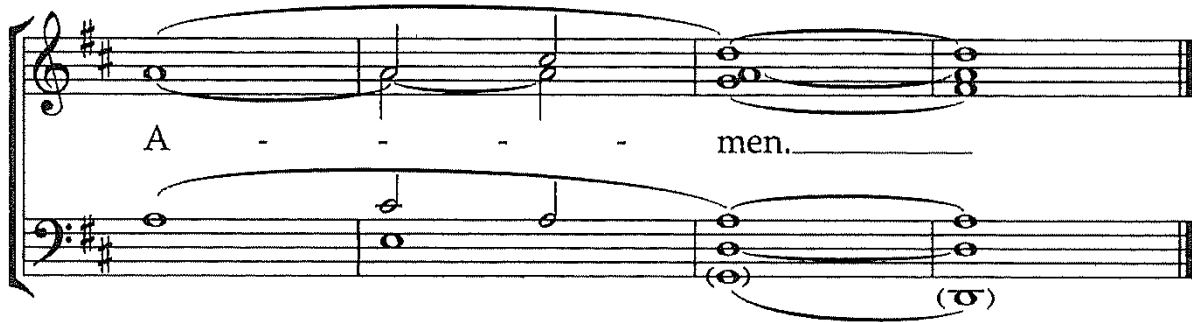
grow, wan - der and won - der!



Now to rest, to work, or to play; we



thank you O God for the bless-ing of this night.



BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray* DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE*

SENDING

One: Go in peace. Know that you are enough, you are whole, and you are holy.

All: Thanks be to God.

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** **Johann Sebastian Bach's** chorale prelude on The Lord's Prayer (see *ELW* 746 & 747) allows for a registration and interpretation of gentleness, suggestive of a small child speaking to a parent.

Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706), creator of the famous *Canon in D*, wrote many hymn tune settings for organ or other keyboard, preferring a relatively straightforward style emphasizing clarity of melody and harmony, typical of his fellow South German composers. Pachelbel's chorale prelude on **To Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ** is a beautiful example of that approach, with the hymn tune heard in the highest voice, supported by an elegantly straightforward harmonization.

Legend has it that Johann Sebastian Bach walked over two-hundred fifty miles to study with the great North German organist **Dietrich Buxtehude**, whose chorale prelude on **Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray** (*ELW* 743) is an eloquent example of Buxtehude at his most poetic, in contrast to the flamboyance associated with the North German *stylus fantasticus*, or "fantastic style" of playing.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice

Reader: Lynn Krog

Ushers: Sandi & Bob Dexter and Karen McElhinney

Fellowship: Debbie & Mark Strom

Altar Guild: Charmaine Haaland

Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter

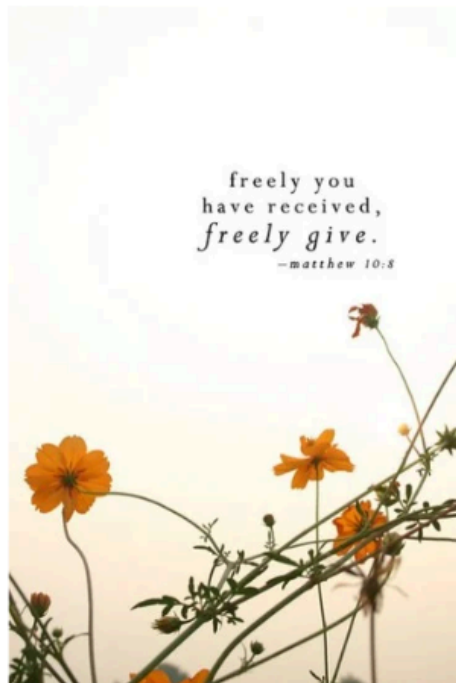
Tech Operator: Carl Presley

NEXT WEEK:

Leviticus 18:6-23

Psalm 139:1-18

Matthew 22:34-40



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Pantry Sundays

As we search for ways to provide local mutual aid in these difficult times, your Community Engagement Team realized that we have two pantries on our block! Every fourth Sunday of the month, we will collect pantry items as part of our offerings. **Daisy's Hygiene Pantry** provides soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, lotions, shaving supplies and hair care products. **The Little Free Pantry** on the corner of 18th and 82nd provides canned soups and stews, canned fruits and veggies, canned protein foods (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter), dried beans and rice and individually wrapped granola/protein bars. Let's help supply these pantries with needed items for our neighbors!

Questions? Check in with Nancy E at 206.595.8610



Please Join Us For

Blessing of the
GRADUATES

This is an exciting season for our graduates! We invite you to join us as we celebrate and pray for our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 21.

As they reach this important milestone and prepare for the next chapter of their journeys, we would love for our church family to surround them with encouragement, blessings and prayers. Please join us in worship as we recognize and celebrate these remarkable graduates!



About the Service
Bless This Night

Holden Village has a legacy of creating liturgical music that reflects the Village's commitment to inclusive and contemporary language. We seek to add to that musical repertoire and hope that this service is used only as long as it is relevant to the community.

This service generally follows a traditional vespers service format with one important and intentional difference. A traditional vespers service focuses on themes of light overcoming darkness. We sought to create an evening service that celebrates darkness and does not create a binary opposition between light and dark. While we acknowledge that these metaphors are found throughout the Bible, we also recognize that these associations have been implicitly and explicitly used to cause harm, especially for people and communities of color. We also believe that moving beyond oppositional binaries helps us recognize and celebrate the diversity of God's creation.

Thus, this service seeks to honor twilight, dusk, night, and darkness as times of blessing and renewal in our lives. The service also has themes of creation and justice, and recognizes all bodies as holy.

All scriptural texts were translated into English from the original languages. We drew inspiration for the Opening Litany from John 1. The text for the Evening Hymn was partially inspired by Genesis 1 and Psalm 8. We also acknowledged Hagar, an enslaved woman-the first person to dare give God a name-who called God El Roi, or God Who Sees Me (Genesis 16:13). Despite her pain and struggle, Hagar receives God's blessing.

In Psalm 121, we focused on verses 5 and 6 rather than the more familiar verses 1 and 2, emphasizing the theme of God as protector of the individual and the community.

The Angel's Announcement and Mary's Song are from Luke 1 and the Prayer of Jesus follows Luke 11:1-2 and Matthew 6:9-13.

Thanks to the 2022-23 winter community at Holden Village for support, encouragement, and feedback. Special thanks to Laura Elmquist who arranged the C instrument score and provided valuable assistance though the writing process.

G. Mark Griffith
Rachel J. Joy
Heather L. Griffith
Steve Wolbrecht
Holden Village, June 2023