

WHENEVER YOU
FEEL UNLOVED,
UNIMPORTANT
OR INSECURE,
REMEMBER
TO WHOM
YOU BELONG

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

PIC-COLLAGE

Worship in the Park
Lake Phalen Pavilion Center
Sunday, July 21, 2024

Thank you to the East Side Collaborative for today's worship service.



Arlington Hills Grace Lutheran Our Redeemer Gustavus Adolphus

"The East Side Collaborative explores new ways of being church together by engaging in shared ministry opportunities that deepen our relationship with God, one another, and our neighborhoods."

Sunday, July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

All: For our Savior frees us from slavery;

L: our Savior heals our diseases;

All: our Savior is our peace.

L: You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Come; let us worship God.

Gathering Hymn ACS #1062 "Build a Longer Table"
Accompanied by keyboard and guitar

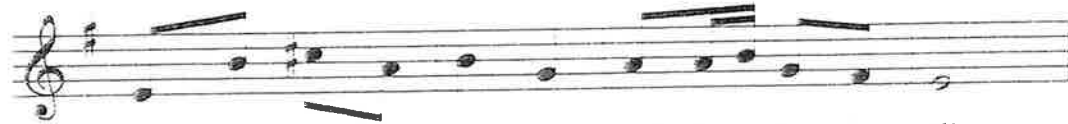
BUILD A LONGER TABLE

NOËL NOUVELET
French carol

David Bjorlin, b.1984



1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence,
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad.



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all,
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, stran - ger turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fence - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven.

Let us confess our sins.

All: Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Lord, have mercy.

Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

L: Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise ELW #857 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (sing twice)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

857

Lord, I lift your name on high: Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave.
from the grave to the sky: Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954
Music: Rick Founds
Text and music © 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc., admin. Music Services

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME
P.M.

***Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

All: God of community, you call us into loving and supportive relationships with one another in our church family. Through the Holy Spirit, unify our hearts and minds, that together we might strive to bring your healing grace into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"* Sebastian Temple
Combined Choir from our congregations – Russ Carlson – Director

Psalm 23 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

L: ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

L: ³ He restore my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

L: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message

Bishop Patricia Lull, St. Paul Area Synod

*Hymn of the Day ELW #611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down. O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one: stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1839
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

Statement of Faith – Apostle’s Creed

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed

All: 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.

Prayers of the People

We respond to each petition with:

L: God of New Life,

Many: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need and all of God’s creation.

O God, merciful and just;

O God, kind and compassionate;

O God, forever faithful for your own name’s sake:

we pray for the world Christ came to save; we pray for the kingdom you are bringing through Christ.

Bless the church, the body of Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that our strength is renewed like the eagle’s.

Then send us out to proclaim the good news that in Jesus Christ there is newness of life. God of New Life....

We pray for all who are weary from hard labor, especially for those who are not fairly paid, for those who work in dangerous places, for those

trapped in slavery. Break yokes of oppression and bond of bitterness. God of New Life.....

We pray for all who serve on behalf of others, especially for those who care for the sick, elderly, and dying; for those who fight fires, enforce just laws, serve in the military; for those who hold public office. Build up people in peace and freedom. God of New Life....

We pray for ourselves, that we will be faithful, especially in times of temptation; that our diseases will be healed, so we have strength to serve others; that our love for one another and you grow even deeper. Make us into a holy temple in the Lord; build us spiritually into a dwelling place for God – into your kingdom, O Holy Trinity. God of New Life....

Final petition:

L: We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior.

All: Amen.

Offering

Offering baskets for each church were on the table as you entered. If you have not given your offering, please do so as you leave.

Hymn ELW#523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet
Vamos todos al banquete

GATHERING

523

Refrain Estribillo



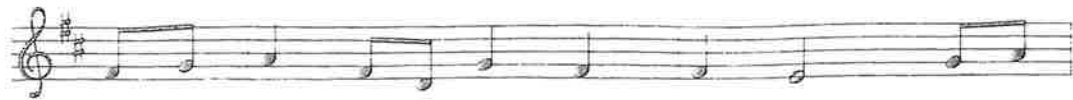
Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad,
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
 hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; 10; Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and
 William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
 Music: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955
 Text and music © 1988, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc.

VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE
 99 93 and refrain

Offering Prayer

Almighty God, enthroned in eternity; crucified and risen Christ, dwelling in heaven and with our people; powerful Holy Spirit, bringing life and truth; we thank you for calling us when we had no hope and for crowning us with salvation. We thank you for enriching our lives with all that is good and for providing for us in times of trial. Make us ever more mindful of the blessings you grant us each day; deepen our trust in your love and mercy. Increase our thanksgiving by guiding our offerings to help others in need. Unite us all in a community of thanksgiving, always glorifying you, O Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

L: 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.

L: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

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

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day 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

L: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion

If you did not pick up a communion cup when you entered, please raise your hand and an usher will bring you one.

Post Communion Blessing

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

All: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray.

All: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

L: God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking; Christ fill you with joy in your working and playing; the Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love of God.

All: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW #780 "Shepherd Me O God"

Please join in on the refrain. The combined chorus will sing the verses.

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God. be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
death in - to life. life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love. I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (Refrain)
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name, (Refrain)
3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (Refrain)
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. (Refrain)
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. (Refrain)

Postlude