

LENTEN WORSHIP

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WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?

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PRELUDE: *Prelude, BWV 553* by J.S. Bach Micaela Lum, pianist/organist

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David R. Mattson

GATHERING HYMN: *Blessed Be Your Name*

**Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name**

**You give and take away You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name.**

THE LESSON: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

**Let Your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Let Your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as You promised. We will trust Your Word.
Let Your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
THE GOSPEL: John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

(The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ!)

THE HYMN: One Bread, One Body

#496

Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain.)

Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord - of all. (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE

Ren Higgins

THE PRAYERS (After each petition - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#631

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Micaela Lum

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to Ren Higgins for leading us today!

THE SEASON OF LENT 2021 - (Feb.-March), the "REVEALED" Traveling Art Exhibit will be on display in Bankson Hall. The art, along with the Scripture represented, will be our Lenten emphasis. Every Wednesday, we have worship at noon (livestreamed and in person).

LENTEN COIN BOXES at Welcome Table, coins for World Hunger. Bring them back by Palm Sunday.

LENTEN SOUP RECIPES - Highlighting some simple soup recipes that church members could make at home. Pick up at the Welcome Table or access via the newsletter on the website: mygloriadei.org.

BACK INSIDE - Worship is now inside the sanctuary (25% capacity), sit wherever you see a bulletin and outside in the courtyard. Face masks are required. Thanks for following Gloria Dei's guidelines.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream. Extra masks & hand sanitizers available at Welcome Table.

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday (March 28) with Palms, Procession, special music, First Communion, and more. Maundy Thursday (April 1) - individual prayer opportunity with new candle station in the Sanctuary; Good Friday Tenebrae (April 2, noon and 7pm) - 7 last words of Christ, Nailing of Prayer Concerns to the Cross, darkening, special music, Holy Communion. Easter - Resurrection Sunday - April 4 (6:30am, 8:30am, 10am) with trumpets, lilies, special music, and more.