St. Mark’s Worship Sunday September 13, 2020

Welcome to our Online Worship

**Welcome and Announcements**

***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 625***

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

 Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

 When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

 When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

 When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

 Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**Mission Statement**

 **“**Celebrating God’s Love and Forgiveness, We serve others”

***God’s Work, Our Hands Verse 1,2***

God’s work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,

 raising up homes, planting new gardens,

 feeding the hungry and shelt-‘ring the cold.

 Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,

 sharing the good news of your Gospel.

 God’s work, our feet: trav-‘ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,

 walking as friends, marching for freedom,

 running the race with God’s future the goal.

 Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,

 sharing the good news of your Gospel.

**Call to Worship**

 P: Let’s begin worship in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit

 **C: Amen**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and

 all of creation.

  **C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

 P: Faithful God,

 **C:** **We confess that we are captive to sin** **and cannot free ourselves. We turn from**

 **your loving embrace** **and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another**

 **before examining ourselves.** **We place our own needs before those of our**

 **neighbors.** **We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.** **Make us humble, cast**

 **away our transgressions,** **and turn us again to life in you** **through Jesus Christ,**

 **our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

 P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and

 resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:

 Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live

 in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world.

 **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.

 Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may

 delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

 **C: Amen**

***God’s Work, Our Hands Verse 3,4***

 God’s work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,

praying for peace, shouting for justice,
 claiming God’s love for the lost and the least.

 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,

 sharing the good news of your Gospel.

 God’s is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread’s on the rise!

 Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
 gifted by grace, we respond in God’s love.

 Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,

 sharing the good news of your Gospel.

 **Psalm 103: 1-13**

 O my soul, bless God.
    From head to toe, I’ll bless his holy name!
O my soul, bless God,
    don’t forget a single blessing!

He forgives your sins—every one.
    He heals your diseases—every one.
    He redeems you from hell—saves your life!
    He crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown.
    He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.
    He renews your youth—you’re always young in his presence.

God makes everything come out right;
    he puts victims back on their feet.
He showed Moses how he went about his work,
    opened up his plans to all Israel.
God is sheer mercy and grace;
    not easily angered, he’s rich in love.
He doesn’t endlessly nag and scold,
    nor hold grudges forever.
He doesn’t treat us as our sins deserve,
    nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.
As high as heaven is over the earth,
    so strong is his love to those who fear him.
And as far as sunrise is from sunset,
    he has separated us from our sins.
As parents feel for their children,
    God feels for those who fear him.
He knows us inside and out,
    keeps in mind that we’re made of mud.
Men and women don’t live very long;
    like wildflowers they spring up and blossom,
But a storm snuffs them out just as quickly,
    leaving nothing to show they were here.
God’s love, though, is ever and always,
    eternally present to all who fear him.

 **“Alleluia”**

 **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

 **You have the words of eternal life.**

 **Alleluia.**

**Matthew 18: 21-35 The Message**

**Sermon** Pastor Dan Cole

***Come, We That Love the Lord Verse 1,2 ELW 625***

 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;

 join in a song with sweet accord,

 join in a song with sweet accord

 and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

*Refrain*

We're marching to Zion,

 beautiful, beautiful Zion:

 we're marching upward to Zion,

 the beautiful city of God.

 Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;

 but children of the heav'nly king,
but children of the heav'nly king

 may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad.

*Refrain*

 We're marching to Zion,

 beautiful, beautiful Zion:

 we're marching upward to Zion,

 the beautiful city of God.

**Apostle’s Creed**

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

 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.

 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

 He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

 He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

 He will come again 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**

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **Congregation: Hear Our prayer.**

 **Offering**

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 ***We Give Thee But Thine Own***

 We give thee but thine own,

 whate’er the gift may be;

 all that we have is thine alone,

 a trust, O Lord, from thee.

 **The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

**Blessing**

 ***Come, We That Love the Lord Verse 3,4 ELW 625***

 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets

 before we reach the heav'nly fields,

 before we reach the heav'nly fields,

 or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

*Refrain*

 We're marching to Zion,

 beautiful, beautiful Zion:

 we're marching upward to Zion,

 the beautiful city of God.

 Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;

 we're marching through Immanuel's ground,

 we're marching through Immanuel's ground,

 to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

 *Refrain*

 We're marching to Zion,

 beautiful, beautiful Zion:

 we're marching upward to Zion,

 the beautiful city of God.

 **Share the Peace of the Lord in the comments below!**