St. Mark’s Worship Sunday September 27, 2020

Welcome to our Online Worship

**Welcome and Announcements**

***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 512***

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”

***Shall We Gather at the River Verse 1,2 ELW 423***

Shall we gather at the river,

 where bright angel feet have trod,

 with its crystal tide forever

 flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

 Yes, we'll gather at the river,

 the beautiful, the beautiful river;

 gather with the saints at the river

 that flows by the throne of God.

 On the margin of the river,

 washing up its silver spray,

 we will walk and worship ever,

 all the happy golden day.

 *Refrain*

 Yes, we'll gather at the river,

 the beautiful, the beautiful river;

 gather with the saints at the river

 that flows by the throne of God.

 **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**

 God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to

 overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way

 of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

 **C: Amen**

***Shall We Gather at the River Verse 3,4 ELW 423***

 Ere we reach the shining river,

 lay we ev'ry burden down;

 grace our spirits will deliver,

 and provide a robe and crown.

 *Refrain*

 Yes, we'll gather at the river,

 the beautiful, the beautiful river;

 gather with the saints at the river

 that flows by the throne of God.

 Soon we'll reach the shining river,

 soon our pilgrimage will cease;

 soon our happy hearts will quiver

 with the melody of peace.

 *Refrain*

 Yes, we'll gather at the river,

 the beautiful, the beautiful river;

 gather with the saints at the river

 that flows by the throne of God.

 **Psalm 25: 1-9 (NIV)**

 In you, Lord my God,
    I put my trust.

I trust in you;
    do not let me be put to shame,
    nor let my enemies triumph over me.
No one who hopes in you
    will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
    who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord,
    teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
    for you are God my Savior,
    and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
    for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
    and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
    for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord;
    therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right
    and teaches them his way.

 **“Alleluia”**

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

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

 **Alleluia.**

**Matthew 21: 23-32 (NIV)**

**Sermon** Pastor Alicia Sáenz

***Spirit of Gentleness Verse 1,2 ELW 396***

*Refrain*

 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

 blow through the wilderness calling and free;

 Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

 stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,

 then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;

 and over the eons you called to each thing:

 "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

*Refrain*

 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

 blow through the wilderness calling and free;

 Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

 stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,

 and you goaded your people with a law and a land;

 and when they were blinded with idols and lies,

 then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

 *Refrain*

 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

 blow through the wilderness calling and free;

 Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

 stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

**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**

 ***Spirit of Gentleness Verse 3, 4 ELW 396***

 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,

 then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;

 and down in the city you called once again,

 when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

 *Refrain*

 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

 blow through the wilderness calling and free;

 Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

 stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.

 From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;

 our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

 With bold new decisions your people arise.

*Refrain*

 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

 blow through the wilderness calling and free;

 Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

 stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

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