

Celebration!

September 12, 2021

16 Pentecost

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday



Announcements and Prayer Concerns

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Chorus

**Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.**

Verse

**One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.**

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Hymn LBW (green book) 526 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

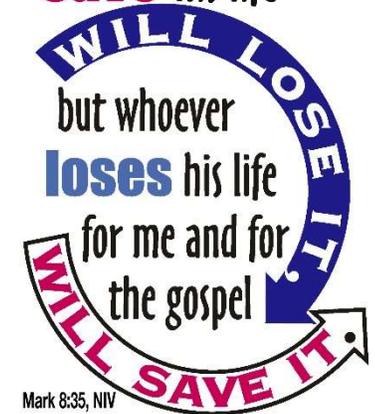
**¹ Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**² Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**³ To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee**

**⁴ Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

For whoever wants to
save his life



Mark 8:35, NIV

Words for Worship

Jesus says: "If you want to follow me, put yourself aside, take up the cross and follow me.:

Help us to lay aside our desires and ambitions so that we can learn to live anew.

For those who try to save their own lives will lose them.

Teach us to turn to you, Jesus, and discover the joy of abundant life in your service.

Prayer of the Day

O God, through the Holy Spirit we hear your call upon our lives. You have not called us to focus on our own needs and desires but to give up our need for control and find joy in loving you and caring for others. Give us strength to let go and discover new life. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: Pastor Jay Wetzel

Getting Closer

**You are the one who makes me; one of a kind You keep me; searching for love You tell me;
You'll never love me less than the most anyone could *repeat***

**I know Your love is sufficient for me but I keep on holding on to these things
I know Your love is sufficient for me, for me**

Chorus **Jesus show me how to be free;
how to let go of these things that keep me from getting closer to you
Show me how to be free;
how to let go of these things that keep me from getting closer to you**

You Are So Good to Me

You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart, You are my Father in heaven *(repeat)*

Chorus: **You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song *(repeat)*
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song, I will sing again**

You ride upon the clouds, You lead me to the truth, You are the Spirit inside me *(repeat)*

You poured out all Your blood, You died up on the cross, You are my Jesus who loves me *(repeat)*

Bridge: **You are my strong melody; You are my dancing rhythm
You are my perfect rhyme, and I want to sing forever**

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God who creates and recreates all that exists. We believe in Jesus, the only Son of God, who came to earth to live as one of us. Jesus lived a life of example and teaching, and sacrificed his own life for the sake of all creation. We believe the Holy Spirit is the presence of God with us. God's Spirit calls us into relationship, builds the church of Christ, and releases God's forgiving power within us. We believe we can experience the love of God through the Word, the Sacraments, prayer, and the loving community of believers. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Confession

Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Words of Assurance

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, each one of us has received healing mercies. We are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and healing to one another. **Thanks be to God!**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you"

Holy Communion

Welcome to the table of the Lord! God supplies for our every need and gives us this meal to share.

God, we thank you for the bread of eternal life.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

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.

Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.

Come to the Lord's Table

All who seek the presence of Jesus Christ at God's table of grace are welcome to receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion. We will be using Fellowship Cups for communion today. They contain a wafer packaged on top of a small cup of grape juice and will be distributed to the congregation by the ushers after being blessed on the altar. We will all partake of communion together once all the cups have been distributed. Please discard your used cup in the bucket provided. There are gluten free wafers available – please let the usher know if you need one.

Sharing of Holy Communion

**Body of Christ, given for you.
Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

Please stand as you are able

Following Communion: Blessing and Prayer

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

Let us pray...

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace. **Amen**

Blessed be Your Name

**¹Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow blessed be your name**

**²Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be your name**

Chorus **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**

**³Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be blessed be your name**

**⁴Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be your name**

Bridge **You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be your name**

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We Go Out To Serve

Go in Peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**