

Oct. 24, 2021
9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary

We Gather in God's Name

* Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold print indicates congregational response.

Prelude Jesus Loves Me, This I Know arr. Weiss (piano)
The prelude is a time for personal preparation for the worship of God.

***Call to Worship**

Gather us in,
the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking,
the tired and aching
who long for the nourishment
found in your love.

Gather us in,
the done and the doubting,
the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering
who long for the company
found in your love.

Gather us in,
the bright and the bustling,
the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers
who long for the deeper joys
found in your love.

Gather us in!

***Gathering Hymn**

Gather Us In
- Lyrics on Screen -

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Pastor: let us come before God in spirit and in truth. Let us pray.
Loving God,

**you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus
and have given us the ministry of reconciliation
but we admit we often are authors of discord.**

**We pray for all those from whom we are estranged.
Bring healing to strained or broken relationships.
Forgive us for the times we have wronged others,
whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention.**

**Grant us the courage and the grace to seek forgiveness
and opportunity to make amends.**

**Where others have wronged us,
grant us a gracious spirit,
that we might forgive
even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.
(silent prayer)**

***Words of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news:

God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners
Christ died for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and through the power of his cross,
we are forgiven! Amen.

*** Response to Grace**

To God Be the Glory

no. 634

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!**

***The Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Life of the Church

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

We come again to the scriptures, Lord, looking for guidance... looking for wisdom... looking for hope.

Find us again and make yourself known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Luke 13: 10-17 New Testament, page 76, New Revised Standard Version

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?" ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message "Things You May Not Know @Jesus: Righteous Indignation" Rev. Dr. Sally Wicks

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

The Lord's prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us

our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist

All the laws of our faith can be summed up in the law of love for God and one another. Everything “hangs” on that – the law of love. We don’t just talk about love around here; we bring it to life in ministry, as we offer hospitality, as we build community, as we act in compassion. In all these things we worship and love God, and we offer our love to our neighbor. We do this, in part, through our financial gifts to God through this church. The offering plates are at the exits today to receive your gifts. Or if you are watching online, we invite you to send a check to 200 E. Beardsley, Elkhart, In, 46514 or simply click on our online giving link. Let us to sing to God the giver of all good gifts.

***Song of Thanksgiving** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 606 GTG

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: Let us join together in a prayer of dedication.

In this world:

kingdom living.

In our mouths:

kingdom praises.

In our hearts:

kingdom goals.

In our hands:

kingdom gifts.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven! Amen.

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*Sending Hymn	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - Lyrics on Screen -	no 465
Benediction		
Postlude	Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	-Livingston