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Shel Silverstein's
Where the Sidewalk Ends

Imagination is as endless
as the love of God is boundless.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Above All

arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

**Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

Amen.

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God, through \dagger Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

GREETING

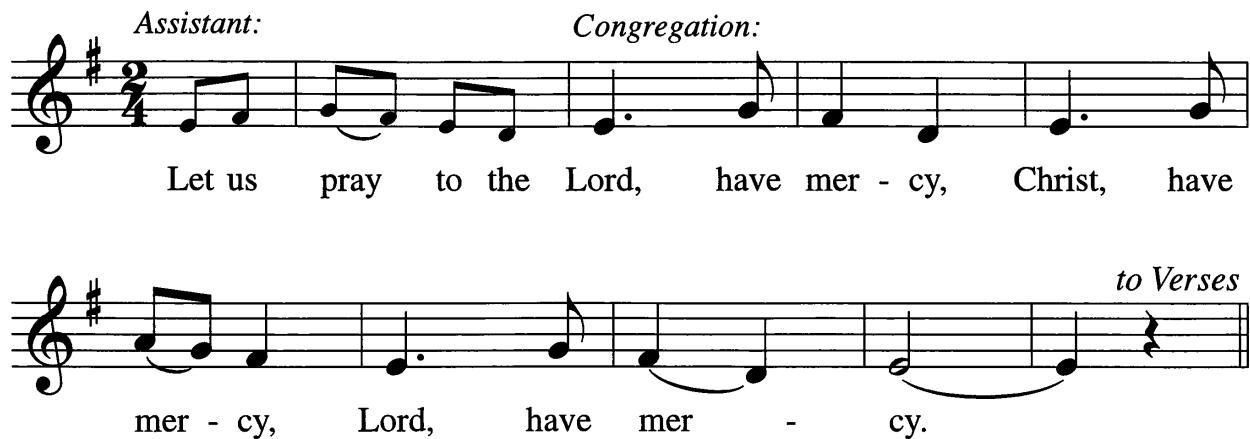
May grace, mercy, and peace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace....

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*



Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have
mercy, Lord, have mercy - cy.

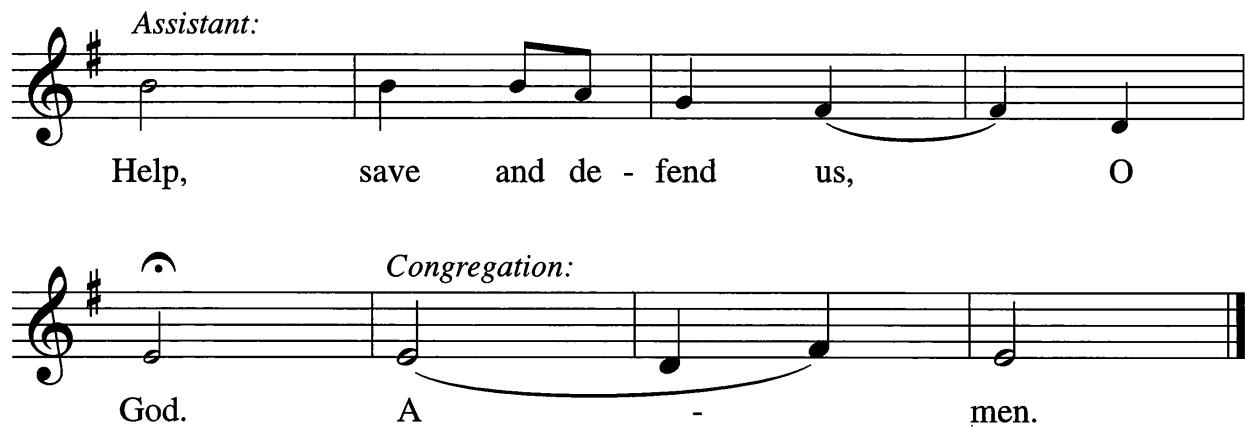
to Verses

Verses

Assistant: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all ...
(to refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word ... *(to refrain)*

Assistant:



Help, save and defend us, O
God. Amen.

Congregation:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Congregation:

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time (indicated by '3'). The key signature has four sharps. The lyrics are as follows:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

The musical score consists of six staves of music in common time (indicated by '3'). The key signature has four sharps. The lyrics are as follows:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Continued on next page...

Verse 2

Congregation:

For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us people of God; to make
all things new.

to Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good Lord, we know you turn the world upside down to teach us so many things. Help us to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Down in my heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?)

Down in my heart.

Down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

FIRST READING

Genesis 21: 8-21

The reading is from the book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

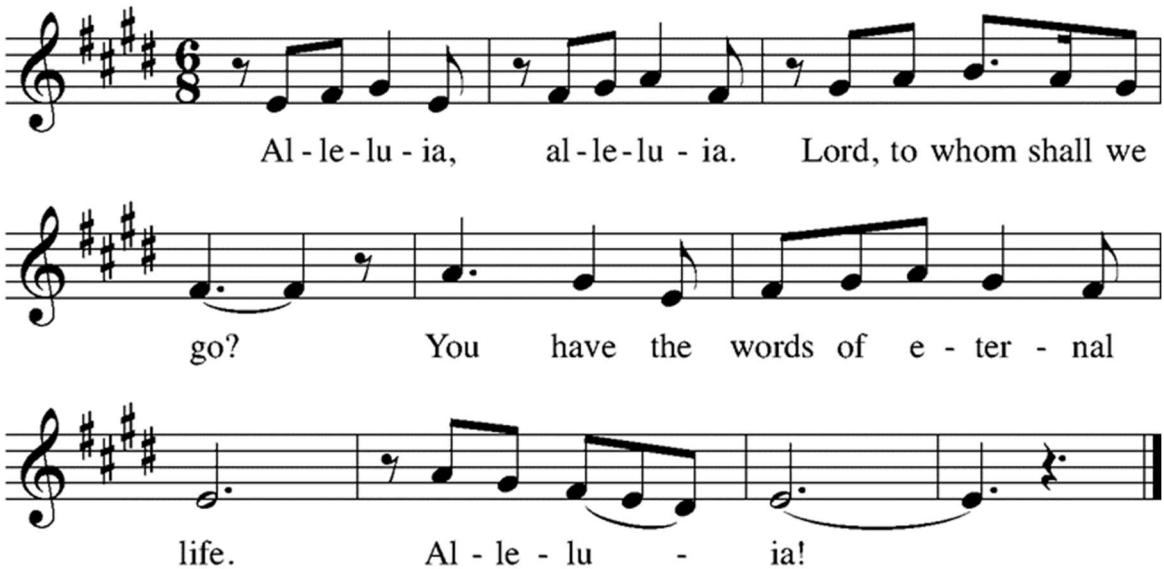
But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

God speaks to us in many ways.

You reach out to us in your spoken word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL LESSON

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 10: 24-39

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

If the World was Crazy

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong



HYMN OF THE DAY

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - alarm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bly the bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version
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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come 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

Prayer Response:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

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Through your generosity, we were able to send lay members and pastors to the online synod assembly this year. This is a way that Cross of Christ can be “Better Together” with the wider church. Thank you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. We invite you to share in your homes the sacrament of the Lord's table.

Say the Words of Institution and then the Words of Distribution

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION

Give to one another the bread, “Body of Christ given for you.”

Give to one another the wine, “Blood of Christ shed for you.”

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those

Who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

SENDING**BENEDICTION**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator,† Jesus,
the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

In the Hands of God

Peter Furler, Jeff Frankenstein & Steve Taylor

We have raised our hopes and our cities high
We have followed fragile dreams
But only One could take the measure of our goals
And we've stumbled over the trials of life
And we've wrestled the unseen
But only One can calm the storm inside our souls

Chorus:

In the hands of God we will fall
Rest for the restless and the weary
Hope for the sinner
In the hands of God we stand tall
Hands that are mighty to deliver
Giving us freedom

When our strength gave way to the weight of guilt
'Til we strained for ev'ry breath
Only One could lift our shame and make us well
And when all is finished and we face
The fearsome pow'r of death
Only One has overcome the gates of hell

Oh You're amazing You're amazing You are
You're amazing You're amazing You are
And we praise You Lord for what Your hands have done
You're amazing You're amazing You are

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Go in peace, Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

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