

Where are you Going? Discover~ Get~ Set~ Clear~ Push~
Land



January 24, 2021

"SET CRAZY EXPECTATIONS"

11am Order of Worship & Praise

Memorial Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3215 Douglas Road Toledo, Ohio

Gathering in His Place

Welcome & Greeting

PM. May the grace of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ be with you. **C. And also with you.**

Opening Song "May your Kingdom Come" (Maranatha #223)

May Your Kingdom come

May will be done

On Earth as it is in Heaven

Father, establish your Kingdom

Father, establish your will in my life.

May Your Kingdom come

May will be done

On Earth as it is in Heaven.

May Your Kingdom come

May will be done

On Earth as it is in Heaven

Jesus, establish your Kingdom

Jesus, establish your will in my life.

May Your Kingdom come

May will be done

On Earth as it is in Heaven .

Kyrie & Glory Be to God (ELW Setting 10 p. 203-204)

Kyrie

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out Your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Glory Be to God

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt You, we adore You, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before You; here on earth our song we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, You have come from heav'n above;

On the cross You died to save us; now You reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in Your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim You; Lord alone, to You we call;

Holy One in faith we name You, God most high, yet near to all;

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on High.

Opening Prayer (Cindy Bunch—Assistant)

A. Heavenly Father, we read in Your Word that, "where there is no vision the people perish – but blessed is the one that heeds instruction." Father forgive us for seeking after our own limited, human vision rather than seeking after Your godly and eternal vision.

C. Forgive us for seeking to place our trust in our own limited view of what we consider is important in our lives and the world in which we live, rather than seeking after the purer perspective of Your eternal plans, for only when we have come to an understanding of Your purposes for the world, can we in honesty and in humility seek for godly wisdom and a godly vision.

A. Lord we pray, "Thy will be done on earth – Thy kingdom come.." for in so doing we recognise that without the Prince of Peace returning to rule and reign over this world, there will be no rest for humanity and no lasting peace that passes understanding.

C. Teach us to learn Your vision and to pray into Your will, not only in our personal lives and those of our loved ones but help us also to come to a deeper knowledge of Your greater vision for the future of mankind, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Help us to soak our hearts in Your perfect desire for mankind, and to understand Your greater purpose for humanity. Give us the wisdom to pray into Your vision, for only as we align our minds to the mind of Christ and our will to the will of the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will we pray effectively.

A. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Word is Alive Among Us

Readings (—Rodney West-Estell)

Philippians 2:1-18a

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you *care*— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human!* Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion. Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is *God's* energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure. Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing. Even if I am executed here and now, I'll rejoice in being an element in the offering of your faith that you make on Christ's altar, a part of your rejoicing. But turnabout's fair play—you must join me in *my* rejoicing.

Gospel Verse

C. Seek Ye First the kingdom of God and His righteous. Then all these things shall be added to you. Alleluia.

Matthew 11: 1-15; 27-30

When Jesus finished placing this charge before his twelve disciples, he went on to teach and preach in their villages. John, meanwhile, had been locked up in prison. When he got wind of what Jesus was doing, he sent his own disciples to ask, "Are you the One we've been expecting, or are we still waiting?"

Jesus told them, “Go back and tell John what’s going on: The blind see, The lame walk, Lepers are cleansed, The deaf hear, The dead are raised, The wretched of the earth learn that God is on their side. “Is this what you were expecting? Then count yourselves most blessed!”

When John’s disciples left to report, Jesus started talking to the crowd about John. “What did you expect when you went out to see him in the wild? A weekend camper? Hardly. What then? A sheik in silk pajamas? Not in the wilderness, not by a long shot. What then? A prophet? That’s right, a prophet! Probably the best prophet you’ll ever hear. He is the prophet that Malachi announced when he wrote, ‘I’m sending my prophet ahead of you, to make the road smooth for you.’

“Let me tell you what’s going on here: No one in history surpasses John the Baptizer; but in the kingdom he prepared you for, the lowliest person is ahead of him. For a long time now people have tried to force themselves into God’s kingdom. But if you read the books of the Prophets and God’s Law closely, you will see them culminate in John, teaming up with him in preparing the way for the Messiah of the kingdom. Looked at in this way, John is the ‘Elijah’ you’ve all been expecting to arrive and introduce the Messiah. “Are you listening to me? Really listening?”

Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen. “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Children’s Message—*Sue Peters*

Pastor’s Message “Set”—*Intern Pastor Rebecca West-Estell*

Song *“Para Donde Vas?”*

Para dónde vas

Para dónde vas

Para dónde vas, dónde vas

Para dónde vas

Para dónde vas

Para dónde vas, dónde vas

Where are you going

Where are you going

Where are you going, where ya going

Where are you going

Where are you going

Where are you going, where ya going

Si vas al baile, baila conmigo

Si vas al iglesia quiero ir contigo

Si vas a donde quiera

No me quedo atrás

Porque quiero amarte

Más y más

If you go to the dance, dance with me

If you go to the church I want to go with you

If you go where you want

I am not left behind

Because I want to love you

More and more

Para dónde vas

Para dónde vas

Para dónde vas, dónde vas

Where are you going

Where are you going

Where are you going, where ya going

Si vas al baile, baila conmigo

Si vas al iglesia quiero ir contigo

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Where are you going

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Meal for Forgiveness and Unity

Great Thanksgiving—*Rev. A.N. Mary Adelsberger*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p 207)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Words of Institution

P: 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 in memory of Me.

P: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in memory of Me.

Lamb of God (ELW p208)

***O Lamb of God, You bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.***

***O Lamb of God, You bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now, we pray.***

***O Lamb of God, You bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made; give us Your peace, we pray.***

Communion Prayer (*Cindy Bunch—Assistant*)

A. Bless us O Lord with these gifts of bread and wine, body and blood, to fulfill us and lead us in our life. Amen.

Response to What God has Done

Prayers of the People

A: Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ's promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need. [*A brief silence.*]

A: For those in our Community of Faith: Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West-Estell, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students in all schools, and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care. Give us lively imaginations to see ways to conserve its limited resources, harness its renewable energies, and conform ourselves to its natural goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts. Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For our military personnel: Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, and Reid Leslie; guard their lives and keep them safe, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For our **homebound**: Dotty Sauer, Claudia Sauer, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care), Pat Reiber; and those who are in need of **healing**: Angie Carricer, Seneca, Rebecca Facey, Sandy Hill, Alice Crandell, Betty Seagart's son, Donald Dotson, Eli Loga, Chris Witzel, Kathy Schaefer, Jess Weber (great grandson of Judy & Ken Schwieder), Ken Schwieder, Afaf Barakat, Brenda Facey, Cindy Bunch, Katie Maly, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, and all suffering with Covid 19; Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For those grieving the loss of friends and family; especially Afaf - whos sister passed away in Lebanon, the families of John Vance, Oscar Bunch, Walt Carlson (Sandy Goodnough's brother), Marie Wenzlick (Teresa Loga's aunt), Mary Elwer (Teresa Loga's great aunt). Only you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world. **C: Amen.**

The Apostle's 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.

Announcements

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Benediction—

PM. The Lord bless and keep you today and always. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

Closing Song "Be Thou My Vision" (ELW #793)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Dismissal

A. Go in peace, tell the story. **C. Thanks be to God.**