

**Worship on May 8, 2022** (CCLI: License Number #3156883)

(Welcoming Elder: Anne Neuman)

**Sunday Order of worship (Mother's Day)**

**We Gather**

- Welcome and Announcements
- Call to worship
- Praise song – BOP 434 For the beauty of the earth
- Prayer for worship + Lord's Prayer
- Words of Assurance
- Prayer for our children
- Praise song – BOP 485 Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

**We Listen**

- Prayer for illumination
- Scripture: John 10:22-30
- Sermon: I give them eternal life and they will never perish
- The Prayer for the People of God

**We Respond**

- Offering & Dedication
- Song for the Journey – BOP 635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

**We Serve**

- Benediction

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**Announcements:**

. Grace and peace to you all who are worshipping God with us today.

. This is Sunday, May 8th, 2022. Happy Mother's Day!!

Those who are not mothers, can we stand up and give hands to our mothers recognizing their hard works and love and sacrifice and everything!

May God's love be overflowing through all mothers and all mothers' babies.

. There will be coffee after worship. Please stay and connect.

. Rev. Soong has his office hours on Wednesday from 9am-12pm.

. Prayer is unseen, yet powerful. If you have prayer needs, please let us know.

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. Please help Ukraine with donation and prayer. Please pray for the people who are suffering from war.

. Thank you for your continuing support with your gifts. As we offer our gifts to the Lord, let us give our hearts and our lives to the Lord as well. May God be in the centre of your hearts.

As we come into the presence of our God, let us open our hearts and minds, and focus on our Lord and King.

### **Responsive Call to Worship**

One: Along with all those in heaven, let us cry out together:

**All: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: Along with the redeemed, let us praise God with joyful hearts:

**All: For this reason we come before the throne of God and worship the Lord day and night.**

One: Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

**All: We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life. Let us worship God!**

### **Praise song – BOP 434 For the beauty of the earth**

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| <b><u>Vs. 1</u></b><br>For the beauty of the earth<br>For the glory of the skies<br>For the love which from our birth<br>Over and around us lies<br>Lord of all, to Thee we raise<br>This our sacrifice of praise         | <b><u>Vs. 2</u></b><br>For the beauty of each hour<br>Of the day and of the night<br>Hill and vale and tree and flower<br>Sun and Moon and stars of light<br>Lord of all, to Thee we raise<br>This our sacrifice of praise      |
| <b><u>Vs. 3</u></b><br>For the joy of ear and eye,<br>For the heart and mind's delight<br>For the mystic harmony<br>Linking sense to sound and sight<br>Lord of all, to Thee we raise<br>This our sacrifice of praise     | <b><u>Vs. 4</u></b><br>For the joy of human love,<br>Brother, sister, parent, child,<br>Friends on earth and friends above<br>For all gentle thoughts and mind<br>Lord of all, to Thee we raise<br>This our sacrifice of praise |
| <b><u>Vs. 5</u></b><br>For each perfect gift of thine,<br>To the earth so freely given<br>Graces human and divine,<br>Flowers of earth and bud of heaven<br>Lord of all, to Thee we raise<br>This our sacrifice of praise |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### **Prayer For Adoration and Confession**

God of the ages, God of today, You are compassion; our cup overflows.

You are hope; you lead us into green pastures. You are truth; you lead us beside quiet streams.

You are life; you restore our souls. Morning, noon and night, O God, you are the source of our joy. We gather to worship you as one family of your people, honoring you as our Creator, trusting you as our Saviour, celebrating you as the Spirit who gives us life.

Merciful God, we confess we stray from your ways like lost sheep. We follow the desires of our own hearts, ignoring the needs of others. We judge ourselves more generously than others. We fail to offer others the forgiveness we seek from you. We nurse grudges and cling to our own opinions. Forgive the ways we betray your love, and return us to your paths of truth and mercy.

**This time we come to you in prayer that you taught us how to pray:** (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.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, The Letter to the Ephesians declares that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, for we are being rooted and grounded in his love. The forgiveness he offers is a gift of this love. Receive God's forgiveness with faithful hearts, and be at peace with God, be at peace with yourself and be at peace with each other.

Peace of the Lord be with you. Let us take few moments to greet each other and share our peace.

### **Prayer for children and youth**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your love for us and we praise you for your grace upon us. We honour you for your faithfulness. You are an amazing God. We pray for our children and youth. Heavenly Father, would you pour out your mercy upon them? Would you capture their hearts and teach them your love? We pray that your Gospel may fill their hearts and guide their lives. Let the gospel be in the centre of their hearts and let them display your light and let them become the salt in this world. So, they may become your heart's pleasure.

Hold their hands and walk with them. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

### **Praise Song: BOP 485 Saviour, like a shepherd lead us**

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| <b><u>Vs. 1</u></b><br>Savior, like a shepherd lead us,<br>Much we need thy tender care;<br>In thy pleasant pastures feed us,<br>For our use thy folds prepare.<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!<br>You have bought us; yours we are<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!<br>You have bought us; yours we are | <b><u>Vs. 2</u></b><br>We are yours; in love befriend us;<br>Be the guardian of our way<br>Keep your flock from sin, defend us;<br>Seek us when we go astray<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!<br>Hear your children when we pray<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!<br>Hear your children when we pray |
| <b><u>Vs. 3</u></b><br>Let us always seek your favour<br>Let us always do your will<br>Jesus Christ our only Saviour,<br>With yourself our spirits fill<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!<br>You have loved us; love us still<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!<br>You have loved us; love us still         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### **Prayer for Illumination:**

God of wisdom, as we listen to your Word recorded by generations of your people, fill us with understanding by the power of your Holy Spirit. Reveal the mysteries of faith to us, so that we may grow in faithfulness, following Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

### **Scripture: John 10:22-30**

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. 30 The Father and I are one.”

**“This is the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.”**

**SERMON: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.**

Today’s sermon title is **“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.”**

Who were the most religious people in Jesus time? Jews. Especially, Pharisees. They were religious leaders, they claimed to be sacred. They studied the Bible, they observed the commandments from the Bible. They thought they were connected with God and dedicated their lives and hearts and thoughts and minds to God. Ordinary people looked up to them for their religious authorities and teachings.

But, this Jesus guy came. He did miracles. He claimed to be the Messiah, the coming Saviour, the Old Testaments prophesized.

However, this Jesus was not someone these pious religious leaders were waiting for. This Jesus was too strange. According to the Bible, there were many specific laws God wanted them to follow. But, Jesus did not seem to observe them. In fact, Jesus did not violate the Old Testament Law. Yet, Jesus did not follow the customs of the people of the time relating to the observation of Sabbath. Due to Jesus’ refusal of following the custom, religious leaders could not accept him as the Promised Messiah. On Sabbath day, which no one should work, Jesus healed a man at the pool of Bethesda. At this violation of Sabbath custom, Jews got raged at Jesus. **John 5:18, “For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.”**

This is the relationship between Jews and Jesus. Then, question!

When Jesus was preaching to the people, what do you think Jesus had in his mind?

When Jesus was teaching the Jews, what would Jesus have in his heart?

**V24, “So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”**

**“How long are you going to keep us guessing!? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly!!”**

They had enough teachings of Jesus already. But, they persistently refused to believe. They seemed like they were confusing, but they determinedly and firmly maintaining their own belief. They firmly held on their own knowledge. They did not want to open and listen. They closed all the options, but they kept their own customs. They only relied upon their own wisdom.

Knowing what they were like, Jesus answered, **“25 “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.”**

Clear. Jesus said, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The proof is the work I do in my Father’s name.” The next part is striking.

**You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.** You do not believe me because you are not my sheep. You are not among my sheep. Because you refuse to believe, you are not my sheep.

What would you feel if you were the Jews standing there? Right after today’s passage, from v31, the Jews took up stones to stone Jesus. They were furious that much.

You do not belong to my sheep. What do you think about this? Jesus said this to the Jews, Pharisees, the religious leaders.

In Mark 9, there was a boy who had captured by a bad spirit. His father came to Jesus.

**Mark 9:22, “It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, help us! Have compassion on us!”**

To his father, this is the answer of Jesus. **“23 Jesus said to him, “If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes.”**

Jesus blamed the father’s unbelief. **“24 Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!”**

This is the attitude we should learn. Faith in God does not come from our inside.

**Ephesians 2, “8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

To Pharisees, Jesus taught the characteristics of his sheep.

**V27, My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.**

The characteristic of his sheep is to hear the voice of Jesus and they know him and they follow him. It is clear that the Jews did not follow Jesus.

Then, is all the things left for them the eternal punishment? Is this Bible telling us that they face the eternal damnation? Yes! But, still, there is a possibility. The door to Jesus is always open. There was a Pharisee who listened to the voice of Jesus.

**John 3:1-3, Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”**

The leader of Pharisees came to Jesus and believe in him. This is being born from above. This is being born again. Jesus openly teaches the kingdom of God. Jesus invites all people to come to him. If one person can listen to Jesus, then she or he will know Jesus and will follow him.

**When preaching to the Pharisees, what did Jesus have in his heart?**

Because they refused, would Jesus’ heart be filled anger? Because they disobeyed, would Jesus’ heart be filled with punishment plans?

No. I believe that the heart of Jesus was filled with love for them. Jesus had mercy for them. Jesus had pitiful heart for them. Aching love for them.

To the people who humble their hearts like the boy’s father, this is the promise of God.

To his own sheep, Jesus promises this.

**28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."**

Faith is not from us. Faith is the gift of God. This promise of Jesus cannot be earned by what we do. Therefore, let us come to God with humble hearts asking God for his grace and mercy.

God, break our own stubbornness, but help our unbelief.  
This is the word of the Lord for us today.

### **The Prayer for the People of God**

God of love and grace, thank you for your invitation. Thank you for opening the door for your love. Your love is always pouring for us. But, sometimes, we overturn our cup, so we get nothing. Gracious Father God, guide our hearts. Have mercy on us, so we may follow you all through our lives.

We pray for the people who are affected by the flood in British Columbia. Heavenly Father God, grant them peace. Encourage them with your embracing love for them. Support their lives and provide them what they need.

We pray for the continuing war in Ukraine. Gracious Father God, help them. Provide them safety. Provide them their essential needs. Provide them support and encourage from all around. And especially, Lord, change the hearts of the leaders. Let them have fear in your presence. Let them turn their eyes from their selfishness and turn to you.

We pray for our church. There are people who are in pain. Teach them your love and your power. Touch their hearts and bodies. Heal their illnesses. Provide them the best medications and the best medical supports. Provide them peace and encouragement. Let them plunge into your love and power, so their hearts and bodies and their whole selves are standing in your presence, in your peace, and in your love.  
Gracious Father God, restore us. Restore the connectedness to your heart. Restore our worship. Restore the joy of your salvation. You are the Lord and we are yours.  
In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

**Invitation to the offering:** This is the time for offering. Offering plate is located by the exit, so either when you come in or when you go out, you can place your offering there.

In the Easter season, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and his rising. As we present our offering this morning, may our generosity reflect God's goodness to us, and the hope we have in Christ Jesus, even in these troubled times. Let us pray for our offering.

### **Offering prayer:**

Generous God, thank you for all we have received from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we bring and use them in the service of your reign of justice and peace, and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Guide, we pray. Amen.

**Song for the Journey BOP 635 Brother, sister, let me serve you**

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| <b><u>Vs. 1</u></b><br>Brother, sister, let me serve you<br>Let me be as Christ to you<br>Pray that I may have the grace to<br>Let you be my servant too            | <b><u>Vs. 2</u></b><br>We are pilgrims on a journey,<br>and companions on the road<br>we are here to help each other<br>walk the mile and bear the load                   |
| <b><u>Vs. 3</u></b><br>I will hold the Christ-light for you<br>In the night time of your fear<br>I will hold my hand out to you<br>Speak the peace you long to hear | <b><u>Vs. 4</u></b><br>I will weep when you are weeping<br>When you laugh I'll laugh with you<br>I will share your joy and sorrow<br>Till we've seen this journey through |
| <b><u>Vs. 5</u></b><br>When we sing to God in heaven<br>We shall find such harmony<br>Born of all we've known together<br>Of Christ's love and agony                | <b><u>Vs. 6</u></b><br>Brother, sister, let me serve you<br>Let me be as Christ to you<br>Pray that I may have the grace to<br>Let you be my servant too                  |

Now, it is the time for us to be sent to the world. What do we have in our hearts now? Is it our own wisdom, our own plans, our own strength? Or is it God's wisdom and God's love for us? Let us humble our hearts and come to God. God is our Life and God is our Truth. Let us give our hearts to him and let him lead our life. There is freedom in him.

**Benediction:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the Love of God, And the intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all, now and always. Amen.