

Welcome and Announcements: June 13, 2021

Congregational Meeting for election of officers - **June 27** – Meeting over Zoom

“Delivered Out of Empire” by Walter Brueggemann book discussion today (Sunday) at 11 a.m.
This week, chapter 7, led by Pastor Kerra.

Zoom info for Faith Formation: Meeting ID: 873 0172 3949 Passcode: 801633

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

Prelude: * *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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Opening Psalm - Selected verses from Psalm 92 – a Prayer for the Sabbath

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the
lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your
work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! The dullard cannot know, the
stupid cannot understand this: though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they
are doomed to destruction forever, but you, O LORD, are on high forever. For your enemies,
O LORD, for your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in
the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there
is no unrighteousness in him.

Opening Prayer:

Creator God, you have planted your word in our hearts that you might gather the harvest of
justice. Root us so firmly in your love that we may always flourish, yielding the fruits of the
Spirit from youth to old age; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

1. Glorious things of Thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

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GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering

Response: *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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SENDING US OUT TO BE GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

1. I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

2. Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of Heaven

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude: **March* from *Rinaldo* – G.F. Handel

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