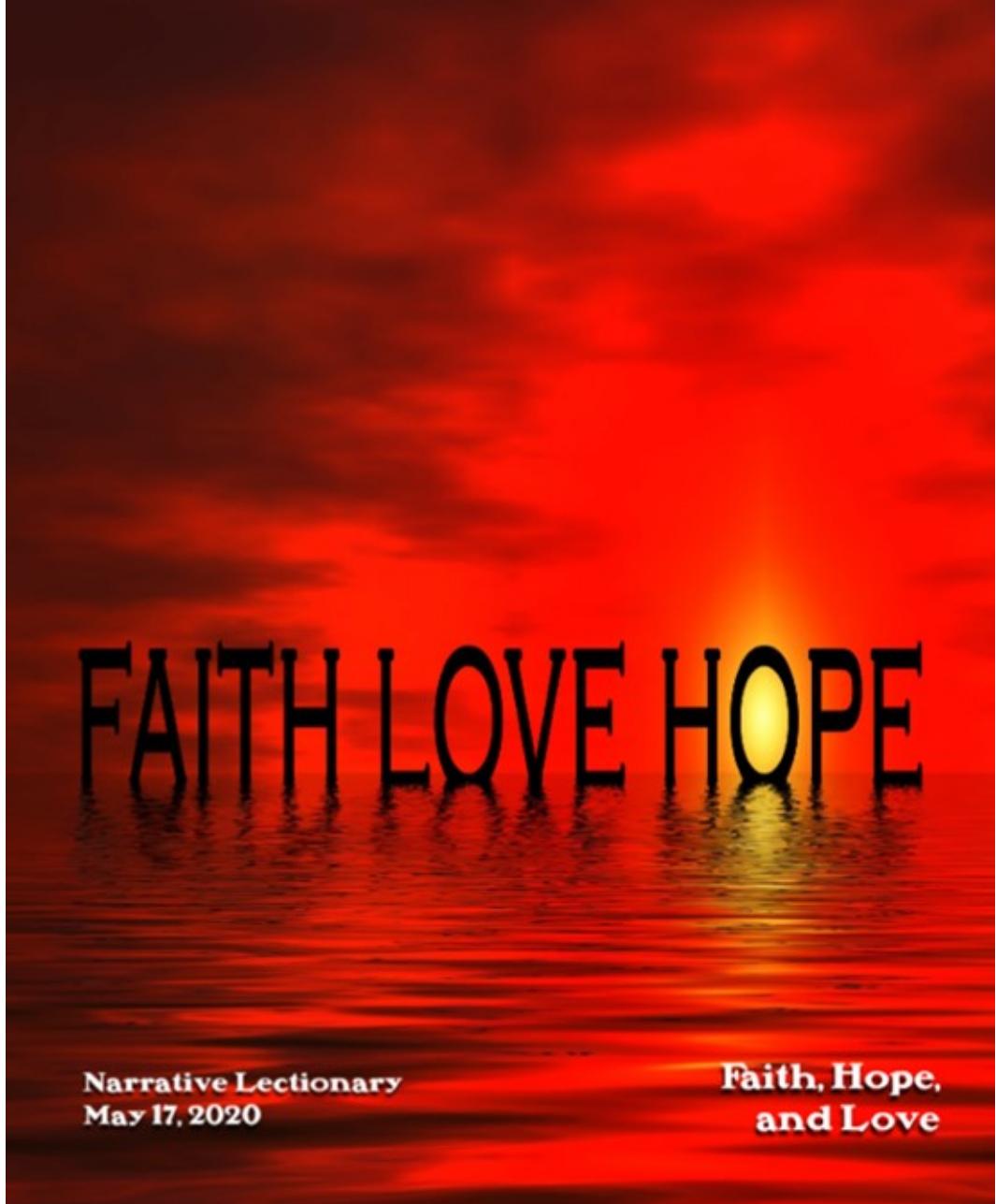


Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 17, 2020
Recorded Worship



FAITH LOVE HOPE

A large, bold, black sans-serif font displays the words "FAITH LOVE HOPE". The letters are partially submerged in a dark red body of water, creating a reflection. In the background, a bright yellow sun sets behind a horizon of dark red and orange clouds.

**Narrative Lectionary
May 17, 2020**

**Faith, Hope,
and Love**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Hear, O people:

All: **The Lord our God is one!**

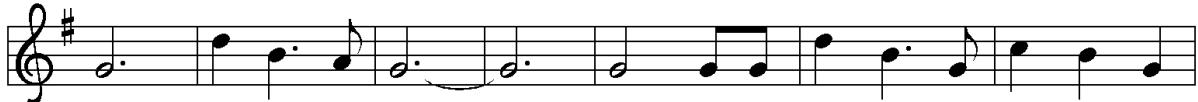
Pastor: Hear, O people:

All: **The Lord our God is love!**

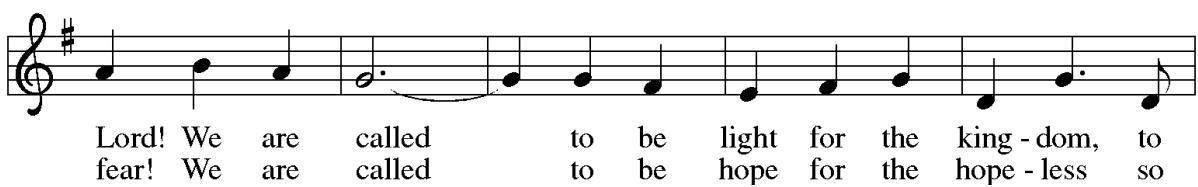
Pastor: Come, you people,

All: **And praise the God of love!**

OPENING SONG: WE ARE CALLED



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . more.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God. 5

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God,

All: You have shown that all we truly need is to love.
 Expand our hearts to embrace your world
 and show ourselves as children of a compassionate God,
 for the sake of your Son Jesus, Amen.

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

Leader: A reading from the book of Corinthians

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: MARK 12:28-31

Leader: The holy gospel according to Mark

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *“Love: It’s what it’s all about”*

HYMN OF THE DAY: BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Verse 1

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way

I wonder if my life could really change

At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 2

All this earth

Could all that is lost ever be found

Could a garden come up from this ground

At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

Chorus

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

Bridge

You make me new You are making me new

You make me new You are making me new

Verse 3

All around

Hope is springing up from this old ground

Out of chaos life is being found

In You

Chorus

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

Chorus

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

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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

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

LEADER: When our words and deeds are impressive but our hearts are empty, we are useless to others, O Lord. May we learn to begin all things in love, and allow our actions to follow. Loving God,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: The world around us is bursting with signs that it was made good, by a compassionate creator. Ignite our zeal to honor and protect this amazing planet on which we live, and to guard against misuse and irresponsible treatment of wildlife and resources. Loving God,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Everything that we know, own, accomplish and treasure will all come to an end one day. Teach us again and again that the only thing which truly endures across years, miles, and other barriers is love. May we live as though it is so. Loving God,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Love bears and endures all things, even those times when we doubt our ability to withstand adversity. Grant us your Spirit's strength, and give your healing breath to all who need it, especially, Lauren, Athena, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Mercedes, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Loving God,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Your holy saints devoted their lives to loving as Jesus showed love, and we long to reflect this in our lives as well. Join us forever in unbreakable bonds held together by you, dear Creator. Loving God,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. Uniting God,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: May all these things be granted in the name of our Savior Jesus, who earnestly prayed that we might all be one,

ALL: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mark Norman - "Aguado No. 11"

Dionisio Aguado (1784-1849); Guitar solo (standard notation); © Public Domain

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Musical notation for the first two staves of the hymn. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

Musical notation for the third and fourth staves of the hymn. The top staff continues the treble clef, and the bottom staff continues the bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat.

Musical notation for the fifth and sixth staves of the hymn. The top staff continues the treble clef, and the bottom staff continues the bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat.

no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Musical notation for the seventh and eighth staves of the hymn. The top staff continues the treble clef, and the bottom staff continues the bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat.

Refrain

Musical notation for the ninth and tenth staves of the hymn. The top staff continues the treble clef, and the bottom staff continues the bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat.

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

Musical notation for the eleventh and twelfth staves of the hymn. The top staff continues the treble clef, and the bottom staff continues the bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat.

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week: Sunday, May 24, 2020

Theme: Death Swallowed in Life

Main Idea: Jesus promised death would not have the final say.

Read Ahead: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57; Mark 12:26-27a



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