

Elim Lutheran Church  
Sunday, August 2, 2020  
Recorded Worship



**Treasure in  
Clay Jars**

Summer 2020 – 2 Corinthians  
Narrative Lectionary

August 2, 2020

**2 Cor. 4:1-18**

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's mercy is ours,

**All: So we do not lose heart.**

Leader: God's light shines out of darkness

**All: And into our hearts.**

Leader: Even though we are frail,

**All: God's Spirit works in us.**

## OPENING SONG: MY HOPE IS IN YOU

### Verse 1

**I meet with You and my soul sings out  
As Your word throws doubt far away  
I sing to You and my heart cries holy  
Hallelujah Father You're near**

### Chorus

**My hope is in You Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing  
My hope is in You Lord**

### Verse 2

**I wait for You and my soul finds rest  
In my selfishness You show me grace  
I worship You and my heart cries glory  
Hallelujah Father You're here**

Chorus

**My hope is in You Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing  
My hope is in You Lord**

Bridge

**I will wait on You  
You are my refuge  
I will wait on You  
You are my refuge**

Chorus

**My hope is in You Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing  
My hope is in You Lord  
My hope is in You Lord  
My hope is in You Lord**

## **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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Eternal God,

**All:** You have come to make immortal things visible through mortals.  
Use us and our lives to reflect your glory,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

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## FIRST READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-18

Leader: A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

<sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you. <sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because

we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew

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

<sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON: PASTOR KATHRYN GULBRANSON - *"Let Your Light Shine!"***

# HYMN OF THE DAY: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*A brief silence.*

LEADER: Help us, O God, not to lose heart. Empower and encourage us with your Spirit, so that we may let our light shine! God of power,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Guide all parents and those who serve as guardians for children and other vulnerable people. Give them wisdom to love, mentor, and prepare their loved ones to be kind and wise adults. God of Power,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Just as our bodies are constantly renewed and healed, so the earth renews itself with new growth out of the old, producing new life out of death. Make us partners in the restoration of creation that all may live and thrive in peace. God of Power,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: It is frustrating, O Lord, when our physical bodies no longer do what we wish they could, or what they once were able to do. Give us your serenity to accept our changing nature and to find new and joyful ways of adapting and living into the realities of this life. Send your healing power this day to Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Kevin, NamSun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, 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. God of Power,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: As Timothy, Titus, and Silas dedicated their lives to your mission, so may we find our joy in serving you with the best we have been given. God of Power,

**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. God of Power,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: You are our treasure, O Lord, and in you we place our trust. Hear these prayers and strengthen us to keep serving you day by day, for the sake of Christ,

## 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**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Kevin Jensen-Unger - *"Your Love Defends Me"*

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

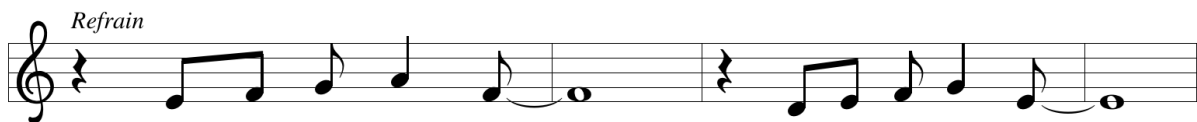
Pastor: God of the welcome table,

**All:** 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.

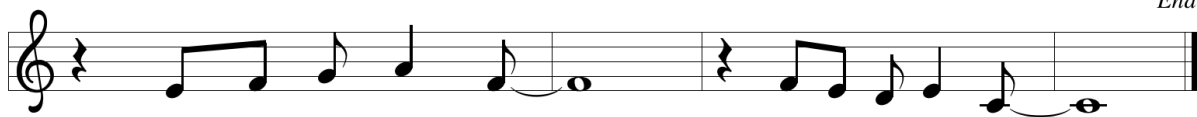
# BLESSING

Response after blessing: **Amen**

## SENDING SONG: CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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## **SENDING**

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week: Sunday, August 9, 2020

Theme: Generosity

Main Idea: Our generosity changes us—we rejoice in what others can have because we don't always need what we think we do

Read Ahead: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; John 13:31-35



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