

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 13, 2020
Recorded Worship

Forgive



WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: 10,000 REASONS

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 2

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 3

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord God,

All: **merciful judge,
you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you,
that we may delight in doing your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

Leader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before

he died, ¹⁷Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103: 8-13 *(Please read responsively)*

Leader: ⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

**All: ⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.**

Leader: ¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

**All: ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

Leader: ¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

**All: ¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *“Building Bridges”*

HYMN OF THE DAY: FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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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: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Gracious God, empower us to build bridges and reach out with love and forgiveness to our sisters and brothers. When we struggle with forgiveness and are weak in our faith, remind us to fall on that bridge which your son, Jesus Christ, built with the cross and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Be present with those who have given up hope of anything improving in their lives, and compel us to encourage others by the promises you give to all. Send your healing strength to those whom we name today, especially Carole, Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Christina, Irene, Karle, 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. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: You not only provide our earthly home with all that we need, but you have also prepared a heavenly home for us once this life is finished. Please pray for the family of Carl and Sylvia Anderson. Carl passed peacefully on August 28. Give us hope of eternal life with you and all the saints. Lord, in your mercy,

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. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Leader: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

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: *“Jesus Loves Me”* by Elim Youth (Daphne Widger, Stella Prime)

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We give you thanks,

All: Gracious God,

**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.**

**Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard**

**to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

Amen.

BLESSING OF TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND CONFIRMANDS

MEET ELIM’S CONFIRMANDS

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week: Sunday, September 20, 2020

Main Idea: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

Read Ahead: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11; Matthew 20:1-16



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