

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 5, 2010

11:00 AM Contemporary Service



** Kneel/Sit *Stand

* Song of Welcome

Sing, Sing, Sing

“Joyful Noiz”

Chorus : We will sing, sing, sing, And make music with the heavens
We will sing, sing, sing, Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise Lift high the name of Jesus. **Repeat**

Verse 1: What's not to love about You, Heaven and earth adore You
Kings and kingdoms bow down, Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for

Verse 2: You are the love that frees us, You are the light that leads us
Like a fire burning, Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for

Chorus: We will sing, sing, sing, And make music with the heavens
We will sing, sing, sing, Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise, Lift high the name of Jesus. **Repeat**

Sharing of Parish News and God's Peace

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Second Lesson: Philemon 1:1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Song of Praise

God, You Reign

“Joyful Noiz”

You paint the night you count the stars and you call them by name
The skies proclaim God you reign
Your glory shines You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings God you reign

God you Reign, God you reign, Forever and ever, God you reign

You part the seas You move the mountains with the words that you say
My song remains God you reign

You hold my life You know my heart and you call me by name
I live to say, God you reign

Hallelujah Hallelu, Hallelujah Hallelu
Hallelujah Hallelu, Hallelujah Hallelu. **Repeat 4 times.**

*** Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,
²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Holy Baptism Ariana Ralyn Porto ELW p. 227

Children's Message

Message - "What Family Values?"

Offering

Song of Thanks Amazed "Joyful Noiz"

You dance over me while I am unaware
And you sing all around but I never hear the sound.

Chorus: Lord, I am amazed by you. Lord, I am amazed by you.
Lord, I am amazed by you. How you love me. **Repeat**

You paint the morning sky with miracles inwind
My hope will always stand, you hold me in your hand. **Chorus**

How wide, how deep, how great is your love for me.
How wide, how deep, how great is your love for me. **Repeat**

Lord, I am amazed by you. Lord, I am amazed by you.
Lord, I am amazed by you. How you love me. **Repeat**

**** Prayers**

*** Eucharistic Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

*** Communion**

*** Blessing**

*** Song of Celebration** Lord, Reign In Me "Joyful Noiz"

Over all the earth, you reign on high.
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim,
Is that you'd reign in me again.

Chorus: Lord, reign in me, reign in your power,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't you reign in me again!

Over every thought, over every word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.
Cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing
So won't you reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me, reign in your power,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't you reign in me again!

Lord, reign in me, reign in your power,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't you reign in me again!
Won't you reign in me again. Won't you reign in me again

Lord Reign in me (Repeat)

Lord, reign in me, reign in your power,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't you reign in me again!

Lord, reign in me, reign in your power,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am, so won't you reign in me again!
Won't you reign in me again, won't you reign in me again

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