

# Worship Order and Text for Online Worship Service For March 22, 2020

## Notes:

- This is a service provided by St. Peter's Episcopal, Resurrection Lutheran, & Seward and Moose Pass United Methodist Churches.
- We are trying to incorporate different aspects of worship that will be familiar to each of our congregations, even as we work together to make this happen.
- The service will be streamed on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/SewardMoosePassUmc> and available to be shared on the Facebook Pages of the other churches. (Thank you to Rhonda Bohart who made it available on the Lutheran Facebook page last week.)
- The plan is to have the text of prayers and hymns visible to those watching the event. Not everything here will be visible as we're trying to show our faces but still have the ability to sing songs and say prayers together.
- You will note that there are hymns. Be prepared to sing along with the very few of us in the church building. There will be no choir or congregation here. It is ALL of you watching.
- You should be able to share joys and concerns in the comments section.
- If you can't make it at 10:30 for worship it will be available to watch (and share) at a later time.
- Our worship response the coronavirus is rapidly changing. Thank you for joining us for worship.

## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WORDS OF WELCOME & TIME OF CENTERING

### OPENING

One: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Many: **His mercy endures for ever.**

One: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Many: **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE: "My Hope is Built" 368 UMH

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Prayer in The Time of COVID-19

*(CC) Nathan Decker, Worship's Wake – (Adapted into responsive reading)*

One: Creator whose Spirit hovered over the chaotic waters of the deep:  
The shifting landscape of our sand castles of security fades,  
and each day the waves of bad news raise our anxiety and panic.  
Hear us as we call out to you: “Master! Don’t you care that we might drown!”

**Many: Jesus save us.**

One: Save us from fear.  
Save us from spreading an infection of panic.  
Save us from the virus.

**Many: Jesus heal us.**

One: There are so many around the world who are reaching out for the hem of your garment.  
There are so many grieving, impoverished, and out of work.  
Heal us in your love and power.

**Many: Jesus guide us.**

One: Guide us to new ways of connecting and being the church.  
Guide our medical community to find a cure and vaccine.  
Guide our President and Congress to care and compassion.

**Many: Jesus remind us.**

One: Remind us as you stand and calm the wind and the waves, you are God.  
Remind us as you walk upon the waters, our focus needs to be on solutions not problems.  
Remind us of your promise to wipe every tear as we sit with you by the crystal sea.

**Many: Because of who you are and what you are already doing, we give you praise, Amen.**

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (John 9:1-7)

Many: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. (New Revised Standard Version)*

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" UMH #138

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

### READING FROM THE PSALMS – Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my  
cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of  
the Lord for ever. (King James Version)*

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON (by Rev. Ben Bohart)

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE NICENE CREED (In unison)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### A Call to Prayer

### Quiet prayer – As Concerns and Joys are Lifted Up

### Confession of Sin

One: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

One: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Many: Amen.**

## 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 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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**OFFERING – Reminder to give to your churches via check or their online portals.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

### **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

One: A Prayer of St. Chrysostom Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

**Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. (2 Corinthians 13:14)**

All: Amen.

### **POSTLUDE MUSIC**