

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Adam O'Dell

~ Cashel Crawford Sturgis

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 12:3-6

Give thanks to the LORD! Praise God's name!

Tell the whole world what the LORD has done—

God's mighty acts on our behalf.

Let us sing to the LORD,

for our God has done wonderful things for us!

Raise your hearts and voices!

shout and sing your praise!

For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Video

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Verse 1

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices

Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices

Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today

Verse 2

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us

And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed

And free us from all ills, in this world and the next

Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given

The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven

The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore

For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Most generous God, we praise you and thank you for your grace, which you scatter across the earth in abundance. As we worship together, may the seeds of your gracious Word fall

upon the soil of our hearts. May it take root and grow in us, so that our lives might bear the fruits of love and service to you and our neighbors. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem

Amazing Grace
arr. Camp Kirkland

Chancel Singers - video

A Message for Young Disciples

Pastor Jen

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Grounded Faith: Seeds

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Prayer

Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Closing Song

Desert Song

Video

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Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need, my God is the God who provides

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand

Chorus

Bridge

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship **(REPEAT)**

Chorus

Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again, the seed I've received I will sow

Sending Forth

Announcements

**VBS Registration opens today – forms are available on the website and at the
Welcome Center in the Narthex**

**Registration for RUMC Nursery School are open – ages 2-4, full and part time options.
Check their website: RUMNS.com for more information**

Benediction

Postlude

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

~ Luis Olivieri