

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10 am

Bumper Video

Prelude

Church (Take Me Back)

Northside Chapel Praise Band

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 100 (CEB)

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with celebration!

Come before Him with shouts of joy!

Know that the Lord is God:

He made us; we belong to Him.

We are His people,

the sheep of His own pasture.

Enter His gates with thanks;

enter His courtyards with praise!

Thank the Lord! Bless His name!

Because the Lord is good,

His loyal love lasts forever;

His faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

Opening Song

Blessed Assurance

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Fanny Crosby | Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of Salvation, purchase of God; Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song; Praising my Savior all the day long

This is my story, this is my song; Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight; Visions of rapture now burst on my sight

Angels descending, bring from above; Echoes of mercy, whispers of love **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest

Watching and waiting, looking above; Filled with his goodness, lost in his love **(Chorus)**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

God of immeasurable love, we give our thanks and praise to You, because in Jesus Christ You have made us Your own. Yet, Lord, there are many people in our world who don't know the fierceness of Your love for them. We sometimes need reminders ourselves. As we bring ourselves to You in worship, and as we listen for Your voice, remind us who we are and Whose we are. Then send us from this place to live as Your beloved children and to share Your love with the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Anthem

Hymn Medley

Carol Hoffman, Barb Rhodes, Tracy Tambaoan
arr. Bill Myers

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Reading

John 10:1-18, 27-30 (NRSV)

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be

one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

²⁷ “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Wholehearted: Belonging

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Jen

Closing Song

All the People Said Amen

Matt Maher | Paul Moak | Trevor Morgan

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Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free

It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus

Sending Forth

Announcements

Jen

Benediction

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Postlude

Lord, Lift me Up to Higher Ground
~ Mark Hayes

Ross Merryman