

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 19, 2017

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 2

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*Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.*

*Please silence your cell phones.*

*\* indicates please stand as you are able.*

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**John McCallum**

**PRELUDE**

**“Reverie”**

**Organ**

*Claude Debussy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**John McCallum**

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Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name  
of the most high God.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

Trust and do not be afraid.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

Let us worship God.

**\*SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

**“O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”**

*(Hymn #130)*

**(VERSE 1)**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

**(VERSE 2)**

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
‘tis life and health and peace.

**(VERSE 3)**

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

**(VERSE 4)**

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

**(VERSE 5)**

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

**“CHRIST FOR THE WORLD! WE SING”**

*(Hymn #743)*

**(VERSE 1)**

Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal—the poor and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne, sinsick and sorrow-worn,  
for Christ to heal.

**(VERSE 2)**

Christ for the world! we sing' the world to Christ we bring  
with fervent prayer—the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost  
From dark despair.

**(VERSE 3)**

Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
with one accord—with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

**(VERSE 4)**

Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
with joyful song—the newborn souls whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

**Call to Confession**

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people  
so many years ago  
he assures us now that God is our salvation.  
It is because of that confidence,  
because of that promise,  
that we dare approach God with our confession.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.  
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our  
nights.  
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on  
tension.  
We confess we have ignored your command to not  
be afraid.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,  
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you.  
Amen.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Laying aside the works of darkness,  
we live in the light of Christ.  
Gathered in Christ's name,  
surely he is among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven  
and lifted up to new life.  
Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF WORSHIP:**

*please remain seated*

**"I THEN SHALL LIVE"**

*(Hymn #507)*

**(VERSE 1)**

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father;  
I am his child, and I am not afraid.  
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;  
the law of love I gladly will obey.

**(VERSE 2)**

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;  
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;  
I dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment,  
then I'll be there to care and follow through.

**(VERSE 3)**

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,  
your power and glory, let them shine through me;  
your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,  
and may your living Kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,  
and may you feed a hungry world through me.

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

**Lois Robertson**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

Almighty God,  
by your grace, accept our offering.  
Make us joyful in giving  
that we may grow in likeness to your supreme gift,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

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*Bringing our gifts and / or lighting a candle... Please feel free to go to either the front or the rear of the sanctuary.*

*The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joyce Miller

**Psalm 119:33–40** (NIV)

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,  
that I may follow it to the end.
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law  
and obey it with all my heart.
- <sup>35</sup> Direct me in the path of your commands,  
for there I find delight.
- <sup>36</sup> Turn my heart toward your statutes  
and not toward selfish gain.
- <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from worthless things;  
preserve my life according to your word.
- <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
so that you may be feared.
- <sup>39</sup> Take away the disgrace I dread,  
for your laws are good.
- <sup>40</sup> How I long for your precepts!  
In your righteousness preserve my life.

**Isaiah 12:2–5** (NIV)

- <sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.  
The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my  
defense;  
he has become my salvation.”
- <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.
- <sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:  
“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.
- <sup>5</sup> Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

**I Corinthians 3: 10–11** (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**MESSAGE**

**John Meekhof**

**“Clean Water and Hope for Kenya”**

**\*SONG OF WORSHIP:**

**“I’VE GOT A RIVER OF LIFE”**

**(VERSE)**

I've got a river of life flowing out of me!  
Makes the lame to walk, and the blind to see.  
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free!  
I've got a river of life flowing out of me!

**(REFRAIN)**

Spring up, O well, within my soul!  
Spring up, O well, and make me whole!  
Spring up, O well, and give to me  
That life abundantly

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**BENEDICTION**

**John Meekhof**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Postlude in D”**

*Francois Couperin*

**Organ**

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**In the pulpit today:** John grew up in Ellensburg and attended the First Presbyterian Church there, went to Tall Timber summer camp, enjoyed youth rallies and ski trips. He attended CWU and UW, graduating with Physics/Mechanical Engineering degrees. John met Sarah working with high school students at Westside Church in Richland. They were married in 1988 and moved to the east coast. Together they founded Capstone Consulting Group, providing management consulting support to the federal government. They have four children: Erin, Philip, Stacey and Rebecca. In 2013 they moved back to the Pacific Northwest and settled here in Spokane. They attend Life Center Church and are involved in the pre-marriage mentoring program.