

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John McCallum

PRELUDE

“Prelude on Sacred Melody”

Organ

William Gardner

CALL TO WORSHIP:

John McCallum

Let all the faithful pray to the Lord;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

**You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble and surround me
with songs of deliverance.**

Let us sing praises to God.

—from Psalm 32:6-7 (NIV)

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD”

(Hymn #52)

(VERSE 1)

I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule by day;
the moon shines full at his command
and all the stars obey.

(VERSE 2)

I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed

where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread
or gaze upon the sky!

(VERSE 3)

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be,
you, God, are present there.

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“O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL!”

(Hymn #71, Verses 1-4)

(VERSE 1)

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
and help my tongue to praise his name
whose mercies are divine.

(VERSE 2)

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let not his mercies lie
forgotten in unthankfulness,
from lack of praise to die

(VERSE 3)

For God forgives our sins and God relieves our pain;
the Lord who heals our sicknesses
renews our strength again.

(VERSE 4)

He crowns our life with love when ransomed from the grave;
he who redeemed my soul from hell
has sovereign power to save.

TIME OF PRAYER

Mike Helland

Call to Confession

The psalmist testifies:

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

—from Psalm 32:1-6, NRSV

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[Silent Prayer of Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

In Psalm 32:8-11, God tells us:

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

¹¹ Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

— Psalm 32:8-11 (NIV)

SONG OF WORSHIP

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

“YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE”

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance;

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You

I will trust in You.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Judy Palpant

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Invitation to the Offering

Let us provoke one another
to love and good deeds,
giving our lives for one another
in the name of the One
who gave his life for 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

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have poured out your love for us
through the life and death of Jesus Christ.
Teach us to pour out our love for others,
sharing your deep goodness and grace
with a world that is thirsty for new life;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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You may use this time to pray, light a candle and/or bring your offering to the front or back of the sanctuary.

The children are excused to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

"Holy Gifts We Offer"

Organ

James Southbridge

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:1–7 (NIV)

Faith McCallum

¹ Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

Romans 1:1–6 (NIV)

Ruby Bostrom

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the

obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

MESSAGE

Hasan Bytyqi

“The Greatness of the Gospel”

***CLOSING HYMN:**

“BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE”

(Hymn #514)

(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.
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.
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 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.

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.

BENEDICTION

Hasan Bytyqi

POSTLUDE

“Resting In Jesus”

Organ

Ben Logan

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In the pulpit today: Hasan Bytyqi served as pastor of the Reformed Church of Malicheva in Malicheve, Kosovo – the country where he grew up. He has always had a heart to bring the Gospel to his people group, ethnic Kosovar Albanians. Kosovo’s population is about 94% Muslim.

Hasan and his wife Jacquelyn and their 4 daughters are currently living in Richland, WA, where he is working for [SIGN Fracture Care International](#), an organization which works to bring healing to the victims of orthopaedic injuries throughout the developing world.

“Currently the church plant in Kosovo is being led by Xhevat Bytyqi, one of the guys that has been with us and we have disciplined. He is going to seminary, and pastoring the church. My plan is to go to Kosovo once or twice a year to help Xhevat with the church, and find other leaders and help them plant churches in other cities in Kosovo. The family plans for now are to be here in the Tri-Cities as our kids are going to school.”