St. Olaf Lutheran Church 11 am, Sunday, May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Introduction

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SONG "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Matt Drees

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire Win this nation back Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

CCLI Song # 6186078

SONG

"New Wine (Hillsong)"

Matt Drees

In the crushing in the pressing You are making new wine In the soil I now surrender You are breaking new ground (You are breaking new ground)

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand When I trust You I don't need to understand

Chorus

(So) Make me Your vessel
Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
(God) I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

Tag

Jesus bring new wine out of me Jesus bring new wine out of me

Bridge

'Cause where there is new wine There is new power There is new freedom And the kingdom is here I lay down my old flames To carry Your new fire today CCLI Song # 7102397

Mother's Day Blessing

*Gospel: John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The gospel of our Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

Emily Wikner Pastor Emily

SONG "Still" Matt Drees

Verse 1
Hide me now
Under Your wings
Cover me
Within Your mighty hand
Chorus
When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood
I will be still and know
You are God

Verse 2
Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His power
In quietness and trust

CCLI Song # 3940963

PRAYERS

*Lord's Prayer

And give you peace

SONG "The Blessing" Matt Drees

Verse
The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you

Chorus

Amen

Amen

Amen

Bridge

May his favor

Be upon you

And a thousand generations

And your family

And your children

And their children

And their children

Bridge

May his presence

Go before you

And behind you

And beside you

All around you

And within you

He is with you

He is with you

Bridge

In the morning

In the evening

In your coming

And your going

In your weeping

And rejoicing

He is for you

He is for you

He is for you He is for you

CCLI Song # 7147007

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer
Children's Sermon: Emily Wikner
Music: Matt Drees
Sound Tech(s): Marc Matthes

Mark Oester Robert Younie