

Worship Plan for Sunday, November 8, 2020  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (ELW p. 102) *Let us pray.*

**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PSALM: Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>**Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.**

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>**Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.**

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

<sup>5</sup>**But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly,  
O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.**

**READING:** A reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Please use your Bibles*

**GOSPEL:** The holy gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13 *Please use your Bibles*

**Glory to you, O Lord.** Reading of the gospel ending with "The gospel of the Lord" **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Soon and Very Soon*

**APOSTLES CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Prayers end with “Hear us, O God.” – **Congregation response is, “Your mercy is great.”**

## **OFFERING TO GOD**

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Let us pray.*

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Let us pray.*

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SONG OF PEACE**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

## *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## Soon and Very Soon



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
- 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
- 3 No more dy - in' there,
- 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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