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**The Service for the Lord's Day
August 16, 2020
"Faith Like a Dog at the Table"**

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD, THE LORD OF LIFE

Prelude

“O Spirit of the Living God”

arr. M Schubert

News of the Church

The Greeting and Welcoming of One Another

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or send a note via the Facebook stream.*

Hymn

“Thrive”

Casting Crowns

*Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died*

*Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry*

*So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire*

*Just to know You and
To make You known
We lift Your name on High
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive*

*Into Your word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart*

*Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are*

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Call to Worship (Responsive)

Ted Symens

Leader: We worship today seeking to deepen our faith;

People: *wanting miracles but feeling unworthy.*

Leader: We often believe that we are not good enough to be heard by the Lord;

People: *but we continue to pray and continue to beg for mercy.*

Leader: The Lord does hear His children call out to Him. He listens to our humble requests and longs for our persistence: even when we feel we have been forgotten or are undeserving.

All: *Let us worship God!*

Hymn

"Redeemed"

Big Daddy Weave

*Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wondering how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this prisoner and say to me "son
Stop fighting a fight that's already been won"*

*I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed, I'm redeemed*

*All my life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"
I remember, oh God, You're not done with me yet*

*I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be*

*Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same
And a hope that will carry me home*

*I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, 'cause I'm not who I used to be*

*I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, yeah, I'm not who I used to be
Oh, God, I'm not who I used to be
Jesus, oh I'm not who I used to be
'Cause I am redeemed
Thank God, redeemed*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dear Lord, so often we fail to reach out to You because we feel inadequate. When our prayers are not immediately answered, we feel even less worthy as we assume Your mercy is out of our reach. When granted Your healing, we generally fail to thank You for seeing our often hidden faith. Strengthen our belief to come to You again and again. Help us to see that Your grace is an immeasurable feast and even the remnants can work miracles when combined with our faith...(Silent time of prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus pours His forgiveness upon some, and sprinkles it upon others; yet all those begging are given the sweetest morsels of grace and forgiveness.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Gloria Patri – Hymn #581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

AJ Baratta

Message

"Faith Like a Dog"
Matthew 15:21-28

Dr. Jonathan Sloan

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

*The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.
Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,*

*by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; 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:

If, in your current situation, you are still able to give, there are several ways to do so electronically.



Offertory Anthem

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”

arr. D Renfro

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn #307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ,
assail his ways! From the fears that
long have bound us free our hearts
to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore. Let the
gift of thy salvation be our
glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

arr. L Mason

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.*

Postlude

“Chant Heroique”

G Blake

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*As you sign off today, remember that you are welcome to sit at the Master’s table, or
underneath it, and just being in His presence is a wonderful reward*