

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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Domenic Ravita, Mandolin

Barbara Anderson and LuAnne Wiese, Vocals

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: Servant Song

Verse 1

Will you let me be your servant.

Let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to

Let you be my servant, too.

Verse 2

We are pilgrims on a journey

We are travelers on the road

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load

Verse 3

I will hold the Christ-light for you

In the night time of your fear

I will hold my hand out to you

Speak the peace you long to hear

Verse 4

I will weep when you are weeping

When you laugh I'll laugh with you

I will share your joy and sorrow

Till we've seen this journey through

Verse 5

When we sing to God in heaven

We shall find such harmony

Born of all we've known together

Of Christ's love and agony

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: James 3:3-17

The Message

A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!

⁵⁻⁶It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

⁷⁻¹⁰This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth!

¹⁰⁻¹²My friends, this can't go on. A spring doesn't gush fresh water one day and brackish the next, does it? ... You're not going to dip into a polluted mud hole and get a cup of clear, cool water, are you?

¹⁷Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 7:27-34

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others,

Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: With My Own Two Hands

I can change the world with my own two hands,
Make it a better place with my own two hands,
Make it a kinder place with my own two hands;
With my own, with my own two hands.

I can make peace on earth with my own two hands,
I can clean up the earth with my own two hands,
I can reach out to you with my own two hands;
With my own, with my own two hands.
With my own, with my own two hands.

I’m going to make it a brighter place with my own two hands,
I’m going to make it a safer place with my own two hands,
I’m going to help the human race with my own two hands, with my own, with my own two hands.
With my own, with my own two hands.

I can hold you with my own two hands,
And I can comfort you with my own two hands,
But you got to use, use your own two hands.
Use your own, use your own two hands.

With our own, with our own two hands,
With our own, with our own two hands.

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond, “Hear our prayer.” When the prayers conclude, Please respond, “Amen.”

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death

and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. 3 Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION

As you see the pastors, worship team, and in person worshipers commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

“The body of Christ for you” and

“The blood of Christ for you.”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

L The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG: Lean on Me

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow, But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Chorus: Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long Till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you don't let show
Chorus

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me

So just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on
Chorus

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Share Jesus' gifts of joy and life with all you meet!

C Thanks be to God.