

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

May 14, 2023

10:30 a.m.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

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Dana Bogdanski, Bass Larry Peterson, Keyboard

P= Pastor **A** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE: LOVELY DAY

Verse 1

**When I wake up in the morning, Lord,
And the sunlight hurts my eyes,
And something without warning, Lord,
Bears heavy on my mind.**

Pre-Chorus

**Then I look at you And the world's alright with me.
Just one look at you And I know it's gonna be**

Chorus

**A lovely day (lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day)
(Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day).
A lovely day (lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day)
(Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day).**

Verse 2

**When the day that lies ahead of me
Seems impossible to face,
When someone else instead of me
Always seems to know the way,**

Pre-Chorus

**Then I look at you And the world's alright with me.
Just one look at you And I know it's gonna be**

Chorus

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(Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day).
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(Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day).**

Repeat (ad lib):

**(Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day)
(Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day)**

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: THE RIVER

Verse 1

**I know a place where we can go
To lay the troubles down eating your soul
I know a place where mercy flows
Take the stains make them whiter than snow**

Pre-Chorus

**Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life, Oh oh**

Chorus

**We're goin' down to the river
Down to the river,
Down to the river to pray**

**Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water
And rise up in amazing grace**

**Let's go down down down to the river
You will leave changed
Let's go down down down to the river
Never the same**

Verse 2

**I've seen it move in my own life
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise
All of my dirt all of my shame
Drowned in the streams that have made me born again**

Pre-Chorus

**Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life, Oh oh**



Chorus (2x)

**We're goin' down to the river
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⬆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

📖 Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🙏 Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

📖 Our lesson today is from the Book of Acts, the seventeenth chapter.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.



²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,
‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

⬆ GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

📖 The Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

⬆ SONG OF THE DAY: AMAZING GRACE

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**



Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Verse 4

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C 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 "Risen Lord, in your mercy,"
please respond, **"hear our prayer."**

When the prayers conclude, please respond, **"Amen."**

OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given
Online or through the mail. Thank you.



OFFERING SONG: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Verse 1

This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

Verse 2

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

Chorus

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

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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.

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.

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 AT CHURCH**or at home with your household**

*Please approach the altar as directed by an usher.
You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it
into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice. Or,
you may choose a prepackaged kit.
(including Gluten-free versions)*

COMMUNION SONG: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD*Verse 1*

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And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.**

Verse 2

**This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.**

Chorus

**This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.**

Verse 3

**This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.**

Chorus 2

**This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring,
God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

Chorus 3

**This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

**☞ The God of all,
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.**

☞ Amen.**SENDING SONG: AIN'T NO GRAVE***Verse 1*

**Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave
Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name
Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground
Love is the power where my freedom song is found**

Chorus 1

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
When I hear that trumpet sound
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down**

Verse 2

**Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue
Fear is a tyrant he's always telling me to run
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound
Love is my weapon I'm gonna take my giants down**

Chorus 1

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
When I hear that trumpet sound
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down**

Verse 3

**There was a battle a war between death and life
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified
He went on down to hell He took back every key
He rose up as a lion
Now He's setting all the captives free**

Chorus 2

**There ain't no grave could hold His body down
There ain't no grave could hold His body down
When He heard the trumpet sound
He rose up out of the ground
There ain't no grave could hold His body down
There ain't no grave could hold His body down**

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DISMISSAL

**📖 Go in peace. Serve in love.
Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.**

🙏 Thanks be to God.