



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
Sunday Worship  
August 7, 2022 9:30am



***Rev. Rennie Kaufmann – Pastor      Karen Kaufmann – Administrator***  
***Miss Esther Kaufmann – Student Ministries Coordinator and Worship Arts Assistant***  
***Risen Christ Lutheran Church***  
***46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170***  
***734.453.5252      [www.risenchrist.info](http://www.risenchrist.info)***

**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of

**Online Giving** by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS** – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Available from an usher.

**Listening Assistance Devices** – Available at the Sound Booth.

**Parent Room** – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

**AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP TODAY** – Life brings many things to worry about: money, health issues, politics, relationships, choices, and so much more. Today we see the worry of Abram and Sarai: would God’s promise to them actually come true, since they had no son yet? “O Lord God, what will You give me, for I continue childless,” lamented Abram. Amid their worry, Abraham “went out not knowing where he was going. . . . By faith he went.” Jesus teaches us, “Do not be anxious about your life.” Like Abraham and Sarah, we live by faith in the midst of all there is to worry about in our world. Worry freezes us. Worry turns us in on ourselves. The alternative to worry is to venture out toward the people in need around us, believing, by faith, that God will use us to bless the world as He blessed the world through Abraham and Sarah and their ultimate descendant, our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship – Way Maker**

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

***CHORUS: (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are***

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart

I worship You yeah I worship You Lord **CHORUS**

**TAG:** That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are

**BRIDGE:** Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working **CHORUS**

CCLI Song # 7115744  
Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu  
© 2016 Integrity Music Europe (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook))  
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com  
CCLI License # 140952

- P** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- C** **By faith, we understand that God created the universe by His Word.**
- P** By faith, Abel obeyed God and received eternal life.
- C** **By faith, Enoch pleased God.**
- P** By faith, Noah built the ark and became an heir of God's righteousness.
- C** **By faith, Abraham obeyed God and ventured to a land he did not know.**
- P** By faith, Sarah welcomed the promise of God in a son.
- C** **By faith, we look to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to overcome our worries, to guide our lives, and to open our eyes to our neighbor's needs.**

### **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** Worry reveals that we are sinful to the core by nature and that we cannot free ourselves from it. By things done and left undone, we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- C** **We confess our sins to You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith we join Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah in blessing the world with Your mercy.**

**P** Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **G Amen.**

### Confession Response - Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

2. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

***CHORUS: Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me***

CCU Song # 18723 Thomas O. Chisholm/William M. Runyan  
© Words and Music: 1923. Renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company  
CCU License # 140952

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **G Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 33:12-22*

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

**<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;**

<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

**<sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**<sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**<sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

**<sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

### Epistle

*Hebrews 11:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still

speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Luke 12:32*

**Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:22–40*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Sermon – “The Idolatry of Worry and Its Cure” by Pastor Rennie

### Sermon Response – Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

1. What is our hope in life and death  
 Christ alone Christ alone  
 What is our only confidence  
 That our souls to Him belong  
 Who holds our days within His hand  
 What comes apart from His command  
 And what will keep us to the end  
 The love of Christ in which we stand

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul  
 God is good God is good  
 Where is His grace and goodness known  
 In our great Redeemer's blood  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise  
 Who stands above the stormy trial  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
 Unto the shore the rock of Christ **CHORUS**

**CHORUS: O sing hallelujah**  
***Our hope springs eternal***  
***O sing hallelujah***  
***Now and ever we confess***  
***Christ our hope in life and death***

3. Unto the grave what will we sing  
 Christ He lives Christ He lives  
 And what reward will heaven bring  
 Everlasting life with Him  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord  
 Then sin and death will be destroyed  
 And we will feast in endless joy  
 When Christ is ours forevermore **CHORUS**

CCLI Song # 7147502  
 Jordan Kauflin | Keith Getty | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Matthew Merker  
 © 2020 Getty Music Hymns and Songs (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)  
 Getty Music Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)  
 Jordan Kauflin Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)  
 Love Your Enemies Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)  
 Matthew Merker Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)  
 Messenger Hymns (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)  
 For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com  
 CCLI License # 140952

## Creed (*Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed*)

- P** I believe that God has made me and all creatures;  
**G** that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,  
**P** my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.  
**G** He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have.  
**P** He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.  
**G** He defends me against all danger  
**P** and guards and protects me from all evil.  
**G** All this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.  
 This is most certainly true.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Created in the image of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church throughout the world and for all people according to their needs.

For the leaders of our church, Our Synod President, Matt, and our District President, Jamison, and for Christians leaders throughout the world, that You give them the strength to lead Your people with patience and conviction in the midst of this broken world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – For the leaders of our nation, and our state, and for our local elected officials, that they strive for a just society and tend to the most vulnerable people among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – For the leaders of nations throughout the world, that they, too, seek peace and goodness for all of the people under their authority. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – For those who serve in the armed forces of our nation, for innocent victims of warfare and persecution, and for our enemies, that all experience the peace of God which surpasses human understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – For our loved ones and friends who are sick or in any kind of trouble: those in the hospital, those suffering chronic illness, those with mental illness, and those who are dying. Calm their worried hearts and ours, with Your promise that You will never leave them nor forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – For students who are preparing to go to college, either for the first time or as returning students, that Your Holy Spirit guide them into all truth as they learn and mature. Bless their families from whom they will be separated and allay all of their fears. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – For all who travel, that they arrive and return safely to and from their destinations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – For all who know they should not worry, but who struggle with worry about someone or something in their lives: calm their fears, remind them of Your enduring presence, and guide them to confide in close friends and thereby find strength through the mutual conversation and consolation of Christian brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – For all those who have walked before us by faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, our loved ones who have died, and so many others, we give thanks. Let their walking by faith inspire us to follow the ways in which they followed Jesus, until that day when all who lived by faith join together singing eternal praise to God and to the Lamb. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, You kept Your promise to Abraham and Sarah. You promise that our lives are precious to You. You call us to seek first the kingdom of God. By faith, we entrust our prayers to Your good and gracious will, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen.**

## **The Offering** – ONLINE GIVING available at [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word. Offering plates are at the sanctuary doors.

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### **Benediction**

*Luke 12:32; Psalm 46:2–3*

- P** Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- G** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- G** **Amen.**

### **Postlude – “Christ Our Hope In Life And Death”**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Part 3. Copyright © 2016 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**Acknowledgments**  
Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.  
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.