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The Third Sunday

in Kingdomtide

9:45 *Gathering and Songs of Praise*

“Amazing Love (You are my King)”

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken

And I’m accepted, You were condemned

And I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me

because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be That You, My King

would die for me Amazing love, I know its true

And its my joy to honor You

In all I do I honor You

You are you my King

Jesus You are my King

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“You Have Been So Good to Me”

You have been so good to me

You have been so good to me

I came here broken

You made me whole

You have been so good

You have been so good

You have been so good to me

You have been so good to me You have been so
good to me I came here mourning You gave me
joy

You have been so good You have been so good

You have been so good to me

How can I thank You There is just no way How

can I thank You, Lord how could I repay For

Your kindness For Your tenderness

For Your constant presence here with me Paul Baloche

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“Sing Halleluia”

Sing hallelujah to the Lord Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord...

In Christ the world...has been redeemed...

His resurrection sets us free... Linda Stassen © 1986. CCLI
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10:00 Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come before God not leaving
the world behind,
but drawing it into the Sacred Presence.

**P: We gather on this day
of remembrance and lamentation,
to praise and pray, to mourn and repent.**

L: Come before God with your hearts
open to the Holy One
and your arms open to your neighbors.

**P: We gather on this day to proclaim
our allegiance to God,
to follow in the risky way of Jesus Christ.**

L: God alone is worthy of our ultimate loyalty.

Christ alone is our Savior in this world
and the world to come.

**P: Praise be to God, whose mercies
are new every morning!**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!

*Hymn: “America the Beautiful” 696

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

Proclamation and Response

Opening Prayer

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.
We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.
We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts
to a fallen humanity.
We come remembering and we come in hope, not in
ourselves, but in you.
As foundations we once thought secure
have been shaken, we are reminded
of the illusion of security.
In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks for your presence
in our time of need
and we seek to worship you
in Spirit and in truth,
our guide and our guardian. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

***Sharing the Peace - "The Family of God"**

The New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4:6-18

God, who said, "Let light shine out of
darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to
give us the light of the knowledge of God's
glory displayed in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to
show that this all-surpassing power is from God
and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every
side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in
despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck
down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry
around in our body the death of Jesus, so that
the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our
body. 11 For we who are alive are always being
given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his
life may also be revealed in our mortal body.
12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at
work in you.

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have
spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith,
we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because
we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus

from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Praise Team: "I See the Cross"

I see the cross
And it's all I need to see
I see the cross
And it calls me to believe

No other way to be reconciled
To receive complete forgiveness
No other choice could have set us free
Could have paid the price of justice
So I come as I am

To the place where mercy meets me
I see the cross I see the cross

I see the cross
Lifted high for all to see I see the cross

It's the love the nations need

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Children's Sermon: "The Lost Sheep"

***Glory Be to the Father**

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he

comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon: "Thieves of Joy"

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering - Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving - The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn:

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" 569

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.
(Refrain)

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.
(Refrain)

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.
(Refrain)

***The Blessing**

Response: "Shalom to You" 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.

**May God's full mercies bless you, my
friends.**

**In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom.**