**Worship at Bethel 2-28-21**

**Music: Piano: Mila Khmeleva**

**Hymnists: Ron and Doris Freund**

###### Gathering Music: “Come into the Holy of Holies”

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###### Lifting holy hands to the King of kings. Worship Jesus.

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**“We Fall Down”**

We fall down, we lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus,

The greatness of mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy,”

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy,”

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.”

repeat

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**Welcome & Announcements – Pastor Barb**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Opening Song:**  **“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW, # 712**

***Verse 1***

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need

Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed;

We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;

Consecrating to your purpose ev’ry gift which you impart.

***Verse 2***

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;

Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,

By your Spirit send us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

***Verse 3***

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light

In the height and depth, and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,

Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,

Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

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 **Opening Prayer**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

**Song– “Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW, # 798**

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Sermon **“We’re Supposed to Do What?” Pastor Barb Lemke**

**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 into hell.**

 **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**

**Holy Communion – Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song: “Here I Am, Lord” ELW, # 574**

1. “I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord. If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart**

1. “I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

**Refrain**

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**