**Worship Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

**“The Generous Life: Action II”**

**Hymnists: Doris Freund & Laina Kelley-Walker**

**Gathering: “We Are an Offering” ELW, # 692**

Chorus 1

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
  
 We lift our lives up to You: We are an offering Lord,

Use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord use our lives they are Yours  
  
 We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,

All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,

We are an offering, we are an offering.

CCLI Song # 16220

“**Change My Heart, O God” ELW # 801**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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**Welcome & Announcements:**

**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: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW, # 708**

**Chorus**

Jesu, Jesu,  
Fill us with Your love  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbors we have from You

### Verse 1

Kneels at the feet of His friends  
silently washes their feet  
Master who acts as a slave to them

### Verse 2

Neighbors are wealthy and poor  
Varied in color and race  
Neighbors are near us and far away

### Verse 3

These are the ones we should serve  
These are the ones we should love  
All these are neighbors to us and you  
Jesu, Jesu,

### Verse 4

Loving puts us on our knees  
silently washing their feet  
this is the way we should live with you

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**Greeting:**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Gospel:** **Matthew 14:15-21**

**Hymn of the Day:** **“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” ELW, # 678**

(Tune: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW, # 712)

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, graves shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now

Direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;

ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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**Sermon: “The Generous Life: Action II” Pastor Tyg Taylor**

**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:**

**Please remember in Prayer:**

Bethel’s shut-ins – Peace, health, comfort, & community

Those suffering due to ongoing violence throughout our world and country, bring calm& compassion

Delores Rasmussen – Comfort and peace

Ruth Matthews

George & Sally Odernheimer – Healing and strength

Bob Moots - Continued healing and strength

Katherine Byrnes hip surgery recovery and healing (August 9)

Amy Loomer, Carol Einertson’s granddaughter with child and has blood clots

Bob French, Pat’s son healing from surgery on his arm

Susan Armor upcoming surgery

Michelle young mom with two girls has Ovarian Cancer

Pastor Mike Lemke

Carol Kirkegaard

Dave Beadle’s granddaughter, Nerimia Castillo, (cancer)

Norma Breiding’s stepmom, Patricia Hennig, Healing

Ryan Kelley fell from ladder, healing

**Thanksgiving for Bethel Members:**

**Bob Zenn**

**Will & Lola Wertz**

**Kelly & Ronda Weaver, Elise & Alexa**

**Communion:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us Give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Closing Song: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW, # 671**

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;**

**Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,

ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

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P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Worship Team for today**

**Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke **

**Pianist:** Mila Khmeleva

**Hymnists**: Doris Freund & Laina Kelley-Walker

**Screen:** Travis Kleven

Video Livestreaming on FaceBook – Ron Freund

Video YouTube – Tom Lenahan