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SERVING

CHALLENGE

CLASSIC WORSHIP

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RLC SERVING CHALLENGE - WEEK 3 – AVAILABILITY

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened by His Word to be His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather: Rather than entering into the world's injustices, I'll admit it's easier just to remove ourselves. The problem with removing ourselves from the world's injustices and pain is that we are Christians. The Christian way is not to remove yourself from problems, but to enter the world's problems and bring the hope of Jesus. Although we can't solve the problems of this world, we can't shut our eyes to the rest of the world or the magnitude of the mess.

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

809 "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. *Refrain*

*ref. 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!*

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*



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PSALM

Psalm 30:1–5

- P I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- C **O Lord my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.**
- P O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;
- C **You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
- P Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.
 For His anger is but for a moment,
- C **and His favor is for a lifetime.**

P Weeping may tarry for the night,
C but joy comes with the morning.

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

[*Silence for person confession and reflection.*]

P Confident that God's favor is for a lifetime and that joy comes with the morning, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have turned away from others in my thinking, speaking, and doing. I have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these, my sins. Have mercy on me because of the obedience of Your Son. Forgive all my sins, and by the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P In today's Gospel, Jesus answered the prayers of a synagogue leader, Jairus, & a sick woman because they trusted in Him. Our Lord left His heavenly riches and became poor so that He could not only cure illness and physical death, but by His death and resurrection offer us the riches of heaven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Thanks be to God! Amen!

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

846 "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old, Was strong to heal and save;
 It triumphed over ills and death, O'er darkness and the grave.
 To You they came, the blind, the mute, The palsied and the lame,
 The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave speech and strength and sight;
 And youth renewed and frenzy calmed, Revealed You, Lord of light.
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before,
 In crowded street, by beds of pain, As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3 O be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death;
 Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With Your life-giving breath.
 To hands that work and eyes that see, Give wisdom's healing pow'r
 That whole and sick and weak and strong, May praise You evermore.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Son became poor that we might be enriched in body, soul, and spirit.

C Grant us gracious opportunities to share Your bountiful blessings with those who are burdened in any way;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:1–7

(The servant of the Lord)

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his and he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the reserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

332 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

1 Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son, Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole, All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light, Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

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EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

(God's calling)

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

Lamentations 3:25

P Alleluia. The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,

C to the soul who seeks Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

(Jesus heals a woman and Jairus' daughter.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

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

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church (CC).

MESSAGE HYMN

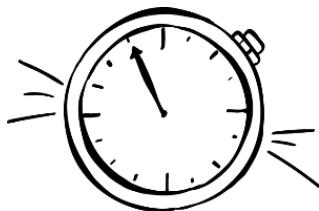
830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
6 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.
Let the gath - 'ring na-tions all See Your light and heed Your call.



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MESSAGE

Please Stand

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.

CREED

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning

C I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here! Children return from CC.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

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 Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who though He was rich, yet for our sake became poor, so that we by His poverty might become rich, and who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore like those called by such grace before us we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HYMN

830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION/ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Zion Chime Choir
349 "Hark the Glad Sound"

After the Distribution - Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P The Lord speaks His Word, acts in perfect love for His people, and has healed us with the forgiveness of sins. Great is His faithfulness. We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P Make us available to know and show such grace as we are called to reflect His glory and grace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 + give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

795 "Voices Raised to You We Offer"

- 1 Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute, For Your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!
- 2 All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your works display.
Art and music, gifts You lend us, We return to You today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!
- 3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven's grace,
For Your living, suff'ring, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
- 4 Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

DISMISSAL

Into the world, ready to show the grace we so richly know...

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Acolyte	Vera Longley
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