



Summer Worship Series:
**DIDN'T SEE IT
COMING**

How Cynicism Snuffs Out Hope

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

Our sermon series for June and July is entitled, "Didn't See It Coming." With COVID-19 keeping us closer to home, we're going to spend some time looking inward. The topics will include things like cynicism, compromise (in a not-so-good way), and disconnection. Hopefully these topics will hit home and provide some guidance for our daily lives. We're confident that, with help from God and some effort on our part, we can change course. The goal is to live the thoughtful, purposeful lives that God intends for us.

Today we will focus on how the ways age, experience, and disappointment can harden our hearts -- and explore how to break the cycle of cynicism by trying to see the world through the eyes of Jesus.

Worship will continue to be streamed online. It will also be broadcast on the radio at 1520AM. You're invited to Wednesday Worship online at 6:15pm.

GATHERING MUSIC

SONATA VIII (PRELUDE)
ISAIAH NORDINE, TRUMPET

ARCANGELO CORELLI

As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:
Where my heart is hard, O God, soften it. Where my heart is bruised, heal it. Where my heart is empty,
fill it. I need your life-changing hope. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

silence for reflection and self-examination

L: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

GREETING

L: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

HIDDEN WITH CHRIST

RICHARD BRUXVOORT-COLLIGAN



Hid-den with Christ, hid - den with Christ, all of us deep with-in God's heart.



Hid-den with Christ, hid-den with Christ, all of us deep with-in God's heart.

*end here
last time*



Called from our wan - der - ing, and claimed — with our his - tor - y,
We are the car - ri - ers of hope for what the world can be,



voice of our home, whis - per of mys - ter - y.
peop - le of faith, bear - ing the mys - ter - y.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Most Holy God,

C: **we look around and see so many ways that our world is broken. It's easy to feel jaded and hopeless. But you look at our world with compassion and say, "It is still good." Lift us out of despair. Move us to action. Fill us with the healing love of your son, Jesus Christ. And call us to places where we can share that love freely. Amen.**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

BIBLE READING

JONAH 3:1-10 NRSV

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

SERMON

HOW CYNICISM SNUFFS OUT HOPE

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

HYMN

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

After each petition the congregation responds:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

SONATA VIII (SARABANDE)
ISAIAH NORDINE, TRUMPET

ARCANGELO CORELLI

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, come close to our hearts and teach us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO SHARE IN THE MEAL AT HOME

BLESSING

L: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

HYMN

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

SENDING

L: People of Zumbro, what is our mission?

C: Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

SONATA VIII (ALLEMANDE)
ISAIAH NORDINE, TRUMPET

ARCANGELO CORELLI

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Shelley Cunningham; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **STORYTIME**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Chris Gade; **PIANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves; **TRUMPET**- Isaiah Nordine

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