



How Regular Change Keeps You in the Game

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 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.

In this week’s theme, we’ll be focusing on the dizzying pace of change going on in our culture. We sometimes wonder how we can possibly keep up. Sometimes we don’t even try. When Israel was finding their way out of Egypt and out into the wilderness, it didn’t take long for some to start remembering “the good old days” in Egypt when they had plenty to eat and they had a comfy bed to sleep in at night. Is it so different with us? In this week we’ll be exploring what happens to us when close ourselves off to new possibilities and to the ways that God might use them to bring renewal and refreshment in our lives.

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

GOD WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the gathering music,
you are invited to pray:*

Come to me today, Lord, both in the tried and true, but also in the new and inviting.
I need the life you offer. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

JOYCE RUPP

- L: Consoling God,
be a source of serenity for me
**C: when struggles and difficulties
threaten to overwhelm me.**
- L: God of hope,
assure me of your unconditional love
**C: when I doubt myself
or question the worth of my life.**
- L: Truth-bringing God,
encourage me to embrace you
**C: during those times when I get lost
in the lies of my weakness.**
- L: Compassionate God,
hold me to your heart
**C: when I feel helpless
in the face of the world's pain.**
- L: Light-filled God,
keep me ever close to you
**C: during those moments
when bleakness surrounds my life.**
- L: Comforting God,
shelter me under your wings
**C: when I am engulfed in sadness
and overcome with distress.**
- L: God of peace,
you are the center of my life,
**C: a strong refuge of peace
In the whirlwind of my pain.
I look to you for strength
and a constant assurance of hope.
Amen.**

HYMN

GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.**

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
 since the childhood of our race;
 known the ecstasy of winging
 through untraveled realms of space;
 probed the secrets of the atom,
 yielding unimagined pow'r,
 facing us with life's destruction
 or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
 may it challenge us anew:
 children of creative purpose,
 serving others, hon'ring you.
 May our dreams prove rich with promise;
 each endeavor well begun;
 great Creator, give us guidance
 till our goals and yours are one.

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: God of Yesterday and Today,

C: Sometimes yesterday feels comfortable and secure, almost too comfortable. Change can be so very painful and scary for us. When we struggle to adapt and adjust to the new things happening around us, open up our hearts and minds to how you might be at work in our world and in our church. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE SONG

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



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

EXODUS 16:1-12 NRSV

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord.

For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" "

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HOW REGULAR CHANGE KEEPS YOU IN THE GAME

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

**"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?"**

**"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 pray'r
in you and you in me?"**

**"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?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 to the dead. 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.

BAPTISM VIDEO

THORA MARIA COPELAND

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE I WILL EXALT YOU, O MY LORD (PSALM 30)

AARON DAVID MILLER

SAM SIMATAA, SOLOIST

I will exalt you, O my Lord.
You have lifted me up; you have saved me.
I will exalt you, O my Lord.

My heart sings to you; my sorrow's turned to dancing.
You have clothed me in joy. My heart sings to you;
My sorrow's turned to dancing, I will give you thanks forevermore.

I will exalt you, O my Lord.
You have lifted me up; You have saved me.
I will exalt you, O my Lord.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, draw us close to you 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.

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.

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

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

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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Prayers for Healing:

Marion Alborn Bob Byro Pat Campbell Paul Krueger Phil Quanbeck Ardis Witte

On June 27, Thora Marie Copeland was baptized at her home. She is the daughter of Megan Thorvilson and Adam Copeland. Her sponsors are Ella Thorvilson and Lille Thorvilson.

Sympathy to:

The family of Rachel Arol

Delores Hagen on the death of her husband, Bob Hagen. Bob 's memorial service was held at River Park Chapel Macken Funeral Home on June 24.

Chandra (Jeremy) Karsten on the death of her grandfather, Robert Helfritz

John (Diane) Bazey on the death of his mother, Marie Bazey

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Pamela Vetter; **PIANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **SOLOLIST**-Sam Simataa; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves, Sam Simataa

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