



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

When Pride Gets the Best of Us

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

Our sermon series, “Didn’t See It Coming,” continues in July. The title comes from a book by Carey Nieuwhof with the same name. No need to buy the book, but we invite you to come along with us on the journey. With COVID-19 keeping us closer to home, we’re spending some time looking inward. The more interior topics this month include freedom, pride, burnout, and emptiness. According to Nieuwhof, many of these realities can sneak up on us when we’re not looking. After a time, we find that we’re not the same persons that we were 5, 10, and 20 years ago. Hopefully these sermons will provide some guidance for our journey of faith. 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.

This week’s theme focuses on the struggle with pride in our lives. All of us have times when pride gets the best of us. In the creation story in Genesis, pride is the root of rebellion against God. In our relationships with each other, pride sometimes causes barriers and hardens our hearts. Join us as we explore what it means to lay aside our pride and work on genuine humility in how we related to others.

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.

Starting this morning, we are going to have outdoor worship at 10am on the southeast lawn of the church. Join us if you’re looking for an in-person worship experience. Each week, you will need to make a reservation. Check the Zumbro website for futher information.

GATHERING MUSIC

THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD

ARR. PHILLIP KEVEREN

AMY ADAMSON, CELLO

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

Lord, I need you in my life, even if I don’t always realize it or admit it.
Be close to my heart this day as I worship. 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.**

stanzas - songleader; **refrain - all**

REFRAIN Marty Haugen

The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and all cre-
 a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for-est, come,
 play in the field, and sing, sing to the glo-ry
 of the Lord.

Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,
 He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
 The moon and the stars who light up the way
 Unto your throne. *Refrain*

Praise to the wind that blows through the trees,
 The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
 They blow where they will, they blow where they please
 To please the Lord. *Refrain*

Praise to the rain that waters our fields,
 And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
 From death unto life her myst'ry revealed
 Springs forth in joy. *Refrain*

Sing to the earth who makes life to grow,
 The creatures you made to let your life show;
 The flowers and trees that help us to know
 The heart of love. *Refrain*

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.



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



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*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: Gracious and Loving God,

C: Sometimes we're too filled up with ourselves and don't have room for others, or even for you. Help us to have moments of humility, and to never lose a sense of gratitude for all the good gifts that come our way, gifts that we need to be the persons you intend for us to be. 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

GALATIANS 5:22-6:5 THE MESSAGE

²²⁻²³ What happens when we live in God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in the orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. ²³⁻²⁴ Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified. ²⁵⁻²⁶ Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

⁶ ¹⁻³ Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day’s out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ’s law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived. ⁴⁻⁵ Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don’t be impressed with yourself. Don’t compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

WHEN PRIDE GETS THE BEST OF US

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

**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.**

**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 your power
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its 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.**

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.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

ARR. PHILLIP KEVEREN

AMY ADAMSON, CELLO

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.

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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.

HYMN

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

**Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

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

O WORSHIP THE KING

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Prayers for Healing:

Donna Hanson

Karen Jensen

LeRoy Stortz

Sympathy to:

Luanne (Al) Wussow on the death of her brother, Stan Olson.

Lois and Stephen Lackore on the death of their son, Matthew.

The family of Elmer Kiphuth. The commital service was Saturday, July 11, at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Paul Landry (Dera Hanson) on the death of his brother, Richard Hartley.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

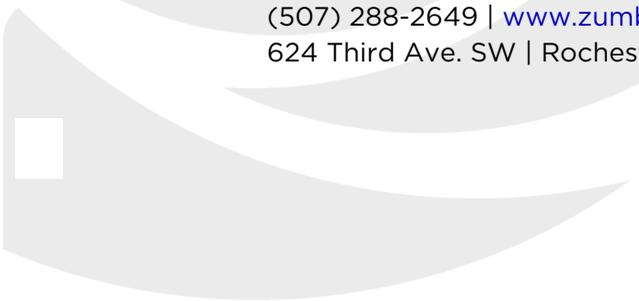
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