

Order of Service

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Message by Pastor Randy Klaassen



“Worship in the Wilderness”

Exodus 15: 18b-21

*First service from the August sermon series:
“A Way Through the Wilderness”*

August worship series is based on the wilderness experience, as described in the Book of Exodus. You're invited to read chapters 15 to 20 of Exodus to reflect and prepare.

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Call to Worship Psalm 145:3-8

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

Prayer

Gracious God, when life knocks me off balance, I reach out to grab hold of anything that might keep me upright.

Remind me again, when Jesus began his mission of salvation, he sought the isolation of time in the wilderness to connect with You. Help me to learn of Jesus, to navigate the turmoil of these days, Amen.

Song 10,000 Reasons

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRI0E

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Prayer

God of my beginning and ending, I wake up in the morning hours aware of Your gift of the day.

I begin wondering what You have in store. Help me to pay attention to Your creative work ... in my life, and the lives of those I meet.

Throughout the day, give me grace to listen to others, as You hear my prayers.

Give me willingness to forgive, as You have forgiven me.

Grant me hope, that from all the harsh things that happen, Your Spirit's work of healing will renew love.

When the day is ended, may I rest in You, knowing that You are caring and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Now, hear my prayers, as I hold before You, family, neighbours, community and the world You created ...

Invitation to Personal Prayers

We invite you to offer up your own prayers in this time, whether silently or spoken out loud, praying for yourselves, our community, country and world in this time.

Song O Worship the King (HWB 66)

<http://www.gbod3.org/sorter/audio/73.mp3>

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text Exodus 15:18b-21 (NRSV)

The Lord will reign forever and ever.”

¹⁹ When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

²⁰ Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

²¹ And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

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Benediction

God, I long to be in relationship with others.
And while at times being with others can be annoying,
there is also so much joy and meaning ... in being together.
Bless the family to which I belong with peace and health;
bless my faith family with grace and compassion.
Be with our leaders – health providers and political servants,
in wisdom for guiding our community.
Be with our spiritual care leaders for wellness and wholeness
which we all seek for the living of these days.
I pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Song O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (MH 104)

<http://www.gbod3.org/sorter/audio/57.mp3>

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n. Amen.