

Jordan Station United Church est. 1859

May 3, 2020 – 4th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Colour – White

Special Musical Guests: Soul Says You

Theme: Jesus is the Gate, let us rest in the garden!

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Full Worship Service

Gathering for Worship

Prelude: Wonderful Peace (arranged by M. Hayes)

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

We begin our Worship by acknowledging and honouring the land upon which we gather today as the historic and traditional territory of First Nations peoples. In particular, we recognize and thank the Anishnabe, Ojibwe/Chippewa, Haudenosaunee, and the Neutral Nation (Attawandaron) for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Join us by lighting your own candle at home

There was once someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people just had to ask him who he was. One time when they asked him who he was, he said . . . "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...Holy One, We will only know the voice of love if we know the One who is love. So help us to really listen, listen attentively, listen devoutly, listen obediently, listen gratefully, listen eagerly, so we will hear the Good Shepherd calling us by name. To those who truly listen, God has promised to speak. Amen
Used with Permission: Br. James Koester, Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Call to Worship – Being Intentional about entering into Worship

One: For where two or three are gathered in your name, God is standing in the midst of them.

All: We need your presence on the long road God.

One: The road between fear and hope.

All: The road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

One: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

All: Jesus stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship be filled with joy and hope. Amen

Opening Music: The Lion and The Lamb (performed by Soul Says You)

(CCLI song #7038281, CCLI License #830169)

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Chorus

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

Chorus

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He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
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Children's Time:

Birthday Week Message (by Sarah Foster)

The Word of God:

Prayer of Illumination

Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us, we pray, in every part of our journey, no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today.

Through your scriptures, we pray that you will open our eyes.

Help us see you as our risen Lord in all your beauty, and in all your loving power.

Amen.

1st Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on

the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Time of Worship: This is Amazing Grace (performed by Soul Says You)
(CCLI Song #6333821, CCLI License #830169)

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Chorus

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his

voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

One: For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us;

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Stress Flower. A spiritual practice of stopping, resting in God with prayer.
(Rev. Anita's sermon available online on the Tuesday following the service)
www.jordanstationunitedchurch.org/sermons

Sermon Hymn: Healer of Our Every Ill (Voices United #619)

Refrain

Healer of our every ill,
Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Verse 1

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts

Refrain

Verse 3

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide

Refrain

Verse 4

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Our Response to God's Word:

Life and Work of Jordan Station United Church - Announcements

Friends, although our Church building is closed, our Programming and Worship continues. We are hosting many things on Facebook Live, via Zoom and on our You Tube Channel so follow us and subscribe to our channel and help us spread the word so that all can stay connected to our church family.

Today's Worship Service YouTube:

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/JordanStationUnitedChurch>

We are also offering online materials via email so be sure and check every few days for updates. In addition, there is tons of information and links on our website under the [Worship tab!](#)

Services & Programs this Week:

Storytime with Rev. Anita @ 11:00 am on Week days!

Creative Spirit with Carolyn Campbell Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
Contact Carolyn @ campbell.c2007@gmail.com for Zoom details

Choir Chat & Singalong Virtual Gathering
Joyce invites all Choir Members to an on-line virtual gathering!
When: Thursdays @ 2:00pm via Zoom
Contact Joyce at jerb.19@icloud.com for details!

All videos will be posted and stored on our BRAND NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL so they can be viewed at any time.

Offering Invitation & Prayers

We are grateful for the many gifts of time, talent and treasure that are continually being offered by our Church Members and friends. May they continue to make a difference in the world to those living on the margins. To give online please visit our website: www.jordanstationunitedchurch.org/donate

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray the words that Jesus taught us. . .
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,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Closing our Worship & Going Forth in God's Name

Closing Song: Living Hope (performed by Soul Says You)
(written by Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham)

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Halle - lu - jah, praise the One who set me free
Halle - lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me
You have bro - ken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

Chorus

Chorus 2

Halle - lu - jah, praise the One who set me free
Halle - lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me
You have bro - ken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

Benediction and Commissioning

May the Blessing of God Be Upon You (MacRae)

May the blessing of God be upon you.
May God's love light all your way.
May the grace of Christ enfold you
And peace around you stay.
May the Spirit of God dwell within you
May you live in joy each day.

Postlude: She Flies On (Voices United #380)