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Jesus is a Prophet

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

Welcome

Prelude

Prelude in B Minor

Frederick Chopin

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to learn more about God's prophets!**

Leader: God raises up prophets to help us follow God's will.

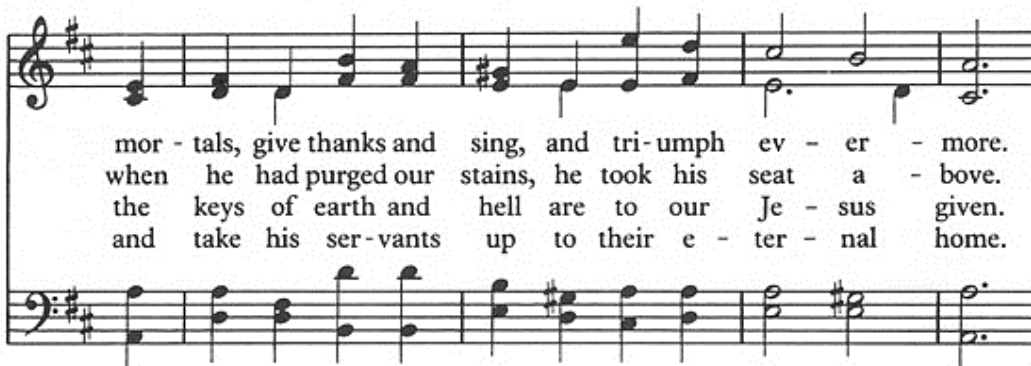
People: **We affirm the spiritual gift of prophecy that God may have given to some of us. Even they follow the greatest prophet, Jesus Christ!**

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come,



mor - tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 We soon shall hear th'arch - an - gel's voice;



re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Bind Us Together

Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King:
There is only one body, that is why we sing:

Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, bind us together in love.

Senior Choir

Is There Room for a Sinner?

Pepper Choplin

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ Then the Lord replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ You may say to yourself,

'How can we recognize a word that the Lord has not spoken?' If a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *Jesus is a Prophet*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory *Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*

David Paxton

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* (verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. Mar-vel-ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex -
2. Sin and de-spair, like the sea waves cold, threat-en the
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide. What can a -
4. Mar-vel-ous, in - fi-nite, match-less grace, free - ly be -

ceeds our sin and our guilt! Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's
soul with in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great-er, yes,
vail to wash it a - way? Look! There is flow-ing a
stowed on all who be - lieve! You that are long-ing to

mount out-poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was
grace un - told, points to the ref - uge, the might - y
crim - son tide, bright - er than snow you may be to -
see his face, will you this mo - ment his grace re -

spilt.
cross. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will
day.
ceive?

par - don and cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's

grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin!

Benediction

Postlude

Rhythmic Trumpet

Seth Bingham



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