

ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE

Communion Worship

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Prelude

"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

by Chris Tomlin

Greeting

L: Welcome to this Holy place where we meet God with all our vulnerabilities and strengths, with all our fears and anxieties, with all our love and hopes. Here we do not need to hide or pretend or be anything other than who we are. Come into this place and be touched by the Spirit, who forgives and heals.

Prayer

All: Dear God, as we gather before you in humility, we come admitting that we are powerless over sin and that our lives are unmanageable. We believe you can and will restore us to sanity. As we turn our will and lives over to you, dear lord, create us new to love and live the way you want us to be. Open our hearts and minds to your will for us and give us the power to carry it out. Amen

Peace *(In this season, share peace safely, still telling of God's love)*

L: God's love is unconditional, and God forgives all things. God wants you to be free. Receive God's mercy and peace, sharing that peace with one other.

Opening song *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Text: Joseph Scriven; Music: Charles C. Converse

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
- who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake
you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Word of God John 3:16-17

16 “for god so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 “indeed, god did not send the son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Charles King
Co-founder & CEO of Housing Works, Inc.

Song

“Fear”

by Blue October
JoAnna Johnson

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, MN

Prayers of the people

L: Lord, we cried out to you from the pain of our brokenness. In your great mercy you heard us and granted us your gift of healing and recovery.

All: May we always be grateful and willing to grow along spiritual lines.

L: Lord, you brought us to our senses and awakened us to a new world free from brokenness and addiction; bless us with your presence.

All: Relieve us now from the bondage of self as you teach us to live and let live, one day at a time.

L: Lord, we now are willing that you should have all of us, to make of us and do with us as you will.

All: Remove from us now every defect of character that stands in the way of our usefulness to you and to our neighbor. May we see your loving purpose in all things.

L: Lord, we pray for healing in our families, in our workplaces, in all relationships bringing comfort and healing to all who are still suffering in our society.

All: That they know a new freedom and a new happiness.

L: Lord, we commend to your mercy all who have died. We pray especially for those who have shown us the way to recovery; for the founders of our fellowships, for sponsors and for friends; for those known and unknown to us who died sober and for those who died in their illness.

All: They taught us to love and to be grateful. They are with us in the Fellowship of the Spirit.

L: Lord, each of us come today with things that are heavy on our hearts...enable us to release these to you at this time....

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, we know you hear the prayers of your people. We thank you for all you have given us and we thank you for all you have taken away. We give all to you, trusting in your mercy and grace. In your holy name we pray. **Amen**

Holy communion

L: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. By your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share in our lives and to give his life for ours. Through him, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your kingdom, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intended.

We are reminded of the night, in which he was betrayed, Jesus

L: He taught us the prayer: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

L: So come, come to the table without exception. For this is the time to be in relationship with Christ, who fulfills the hunger that no human can satisfy. This meal is Christ's way of saying, I forgive you. I love you, and I will never leave you. For here is Christ in the bread and wine; the gifts of God, given for all the dearly beloved people of God.

So remembering all that Christ has done for us, we come to the table singing praises of love...

Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the
neighbors we have from you.

neighbors are near us and far
away. **Refrain**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to
them. **Refrain**

3. These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and
you. **Refrain**

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,

4. Kneels at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with
you. **Refrain**

Post Communion Prayer

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of saving grace; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

L: Let us share together the Serenity Prayer:

All: God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference.

L: Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time. Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking as Jesus did - this sinful world as it is - not as we would have it. Trusting that you will make all things right, if we surrender to your will, so we will be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.

Closing Song-

"By Grace We have been Saved"

by J. Rundman

Refrain

*By grace we have been saved—
saved by grace through faith,
not because of what we do;
it is the gift of God.*

2. *Rest your body, rest your mind,
in the stillness you will find
you're a lovely, precious child,
part of the great design. **Refrain***

1. *On the days when you are weak,
on the days when you are strong,
rich or poor, young or old,
just listen to the song. **Refrain***

3. *You don't need to be afraid.
You will never be alone.
There is mercy, there is hope,
and love will take you home.*

Refrain

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord...and one another

All: Thanks be to God!

