

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Cantilene
(Composer: M. Archer)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn

Blessed be the God of Israel #67

Responsive Reading Luke 1:68-79 – The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Savior
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old;
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and we thank you that in Jesus Christ, you have come to your people and set us free. You have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake, but we have strayed from your way, and we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us for all the ways that we still live in bondage to old ways of living; for not throwing off everything that hinders our walk with you, and the sin that so easily entangles. By your Spirit, help us to die daily to sin, to live into the freedom that Jesus established for us through his saving death and resurrection, and to rise daily to new life in Christ.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

This we pray through the strong name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory be to the Father #961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Joining in God's Mission

Stewardship Committee

Anthem

Psalm 130

(Composer: Charpentier)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 14:10-31

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

God Will Make a Way

Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Musical Reflection

Through the Red Sea Brought at Last

(Composer: Straf Mich Nicht)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

**When Israel was in Egypt's
Land**

#42

Benediction

Postlude

Tocatta in C
(Composer: J. Pachelbel)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Announcements & Liturgy
Worship Leader (9:30)
Praise Music
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Joining in God's Mission
Scripture Reader

Prayers of the People
Guest Organist

Rev. Greg Buell
Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Luke Stoner
Village Church Worship Band
Logan Henke
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Sherry Maloney (9:30)
Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Rich Blue (9:30)
Leo Meere

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Song

Raise a Hallelujah

Announcements

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Goodness of God

Prayer of Confession

Same God

Passing the Peace

Joining in God's
Mission

Stewardship Committee

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:10-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

God Will Make a Way

*Set Free: A Study of the Book of
Exodus*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Surrounded (Fight My Battles)

Blessing

Read: Exodus 14:10-31

Digging Deeper:

1. Now that the Israelites were delivered from Egypt through the 10 plagues, what was their primary problem as we begin this reading? What was their reaction? (v. 10-12)
2. Instead of responding with fear, how does Moses see the situation? Who does he encourage the Israelites to focus on? (v. 13-14)
3. When the Israelites felt like it would have been better to be back in Egypt, where does the Lord take them instead? What is his plan and the strategy behind it? (v. 15-18)
4. What did the angel of God do for the Israelites and what did it accomplish for them? (v.19-20)
5. How did the Israelites escape the mighty Egyptian army? (v.21-22)
6. What happened to the Egyptians when they tried to pursue the Israelites further? (v.23-28)
7. While the Egyptians perished, what were the Israelites doing at the very same time? (v. 29)
8. How did this experience change the Israelites in their relationship with God and with Moses? (v.30-31)

Application:

1. What causes fear and worry in your life? What in your life keeps you from standing firm and trusting that "The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." (Exodus 14:14) Why is it so challenging to be still and trust in God's power for you?
2. As God delivered the Israelites by parting the waters, what did Jesus do to set us free? What did he free us from?
3. To what degree are you living in the freedom from sin that Christ established for you?
4. The freedom of the Israelites was threatened by the advancing Egyptian army behind them, and the obstacle of the Sea before them. What gets in the way of your ability to live in your freedom in Christ?
5. Where in your life do you need to trust that God will still fight for you and deliver you?

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October 22, 2023

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