

Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Reflection Questions

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Raise a Hallelujah

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Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:16-19 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Way Forward
Vision Sunday

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

The Way

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Staff Commissioning

Blessing

The Way Forward

Isaiah 43:16-19 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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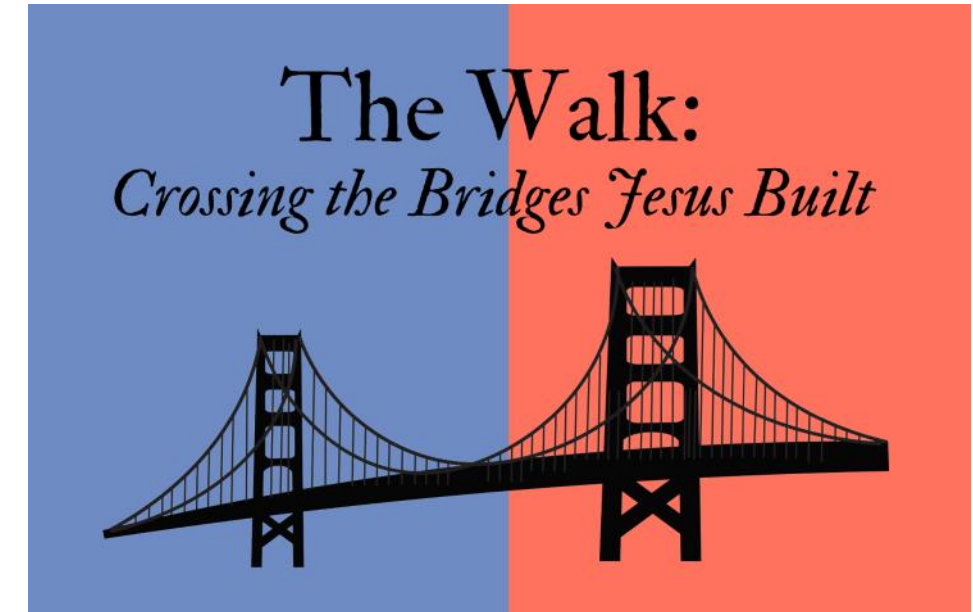
1. What was meaningful to you from the message this week?
2. When you look at the cover image of a bridge, what comes to mind?

Listening and Acting:

3. The text from Isaiah 43 reveals a time when the Jews were under the influence and total rule of a foreign power called Babylon. Babylon controlled and directed almost everything in life and the choice of the Jew was to either submit to their direction, rebel and fight, or figure out a way to stay true to their beliefs and convictions in the midst of this foreign power. When you think about the secular world in which we live, what is your general response to it?
4. Why is it so easy to remember the old things rather than be open to the new thing God is up to in the world?
5. 2 Corinthians 5 speaks of the way in which God has demonstrated reconciliation in the world. How has God reconciled the world to himself?

Impact:

6. What are some areas in your life where you want to live from being a new creation in Christ rather than being caught up in the old life?
7. Bonus: Reach out to one person you trust and ask them to pray for you as you seek to let go of the past and live for the future in Christ.



Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor
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September 11, 2022

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Giga
(arr. M. Enrico Bossi)

Welcome

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Call to Worship

Leader: This is the Day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn **Be Thou My Vision**

#859

Responsive Reading **Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us
And make his face shine on us—

**So that your ways may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.**

May the peoples praise you, God;
May all the peoples praise you.

**May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the
nations of the earth.**

May the peoples praise you, God;
May all the peoples praise you.

**The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.**

May God bless us still, so that all the ends
Of the earth will fear him.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: 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.

Staff Commissioning

Passing the Peace

Anthem **Sing to the Lord a New Song**

(Composer: Robert Lau)

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 43:16-19 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **The Way Forward**

Vision Sunday

Music for Reflection **Ayre**

(Composer: Antonio Vivaldi)

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 & the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer** #43

Benediction

Postlude **Beach Spring**

(Composer: Marianne Kim)

Worship Participants

Sermon
Announcements
Worship Leader
Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People
Worship Band Members

Organist

Spencer Lundgaard
Greg Buell
Luke Stoner (9:30)
Jack West (9:30)
Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Rich Blue (9:30)
Luke Stoner (acoustic guitar/vocals)
Jim Peterson (piano)
Christine Cheung (synthesizer)
Michael Brennan (drums)
Carl Tobias (bass)
Jay Charlesworth (electric guitar)
Erin Gosser & Sarah Lee (vocals)
Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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