

Leander Presbyterian Church
September 13, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Robert McElwaine

Lila Aud, Pianist
Phyllis Draheim, Accompanist

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King
Arranged by Cindy Berry

Gathering & Call to Worship

from Isaiah 45

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. I the Lord have created it.

Prayer

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

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Prayer of Confession

from Isaiah 45 contd.

Woe to you who strive with your Maker, earthen vessels with the potter! Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, "What are you making?" or "Your work has no handles"? Woe to anyone who says to a father, "What are you begetting?" or to a woman, "With what are you in labor?"

Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? I made the earth, and created humankind upon it. It was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.

I am the Lord, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek me in chaos." I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Assemble yourselves and come together, draw near, you survivors of the nations!

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return:

"To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."
Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength.

All who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

(Personal, Silent Prayer of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14

Psalm Reading

Psalm 114

New Testament Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Establishing Lordship – Establishing a Kingdom

YHWH

"I Am Who I Am"

" I Am What I Am"

"I Will Be What I Will Be"

Hymn of Discipleship

Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Invitation of Discipleship

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Slane*
Arranged by Mark Hayes**

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Response

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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Benediction

Postlude

A Charge to Keep, I Have

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Lyrics for Today's Hymns

Come, Thou Almighty King

*Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy
Name to sing, Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty May we
In glory see, And to eternity Love and adore. Amen*

Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

*Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.*

*O, use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share. Amen*

Rejoice, the Lord is King

*Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*His Kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen*

Credits

Service

Pastor Robert McElwaine

Phyllis Draheim, Piano

Kathleen McElwaine, Videographer

Lila Aud, Piano and Flute, Music Coordinator

Joel Aud, Service Support

Video Production

Person Responsible	Role
Kathleen McElwaine	Video tape, editing, post production, audio, titles, Vimeo upload
Susan Janes	Communications, Service Order of Service
Gene Hinkle	Technical Support, Webmaster http://www.leander.org

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Sermons - <http://leanderpres.org/sermonsworshipmusic.html>

Readings

Exodus 14

Crossing the Red Sea

Then the Lord said to Moses: 'Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-ephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, "They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them." I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.' And they did so.

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed towards the people, and they said, 'What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?' So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pihahiroth, in front of Baalzephon.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with

difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

The Pursuers Drowned

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 114

God's Wonders at the Exodus

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

Romans 14: 1-12

Do Not Judge Another

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18: 21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured

until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Prayers

September 13, 2020



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Richard Kidd (Lila)
Abbey Wild
Karen Hambrick**
Charlie Earhardt (Sharon)
Bruce Thurin Family (Susan)
Cathy Williams
Dolly & Carl Smith**
Sue Ann Boren (Lila)
Jennifer (Janis)
Vickie Pons (Linda)

John Deneau
Easel Roberts
Peggy Simpson**
Abi Ambor (Renee)
Renee Peters**
Steve Cameron & Family
Mason Thompson**
John & Rebecca McElroy (Lila)
Elena Antenora (Kathy)
Chris Smith
Janis and Walter Stevens**

Allen Striker (Sharon)
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Pam Jordan (Linda)
Kathleen McElwaine**
Nathan Wintraub
John Jones (Joel)
Wanda & Paul McCabe (Sue)
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Jennifer P (Kathy H)
Betty Faulkner**
China/Corona Virus Victims
Monica Garcia (Susan)

Cindy Wallingford (Kim)
Javier (Karen)
Gary Dill
Alexis Templeton**
Barbara Tout** (Jim)
Karen Thompson**
Vanessa Hybner
Corona Virus First Responders
David Beach (Kim)
Paul
Emmy Womack
Norma Sanders
Shirley Dyer
Augustina Barrera Bolden

Marilyn Hooper (Karen T)
Keith Harpole (Kim)
Bill Martin **
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Joys & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Stewardship of Talents:

Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4: 14

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy, when the body of elders laid their hands on you. God gives all people potential talents when they are born. Each of us can share in God's plan in our own way. The Bible tells us that if we use our talents wisely, we will be better able to serve God and our neighbors and will develop other talents. Otherwise, we may lose even those talents we do have.

Hill Country Community Ministry - Check HCCM's website for information on how to make donations.

Birthdays

9/8	David Williams	9/16	Larry Janes	9/19	Billy Wiley
9/28	Betty Faulkner	9/29	Alexis Templeton	9/29	Gene Hinkle

Calendar

Services and other church activities have been suspended until after the next Session Meeting.

Scriptures **for September 20, 2020:** Exodus 16: 2-15, Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45, Philippians 1: 21-30, Matthew 20: 1016

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