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LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: David Walker

READER: Steve Clark

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: The Walker Family

ALTAR GUILD: The Walker Family

USHERS/GREETER: Dorothy Zeidler, Jacob Habeck and Sean Holub

PRELUDE

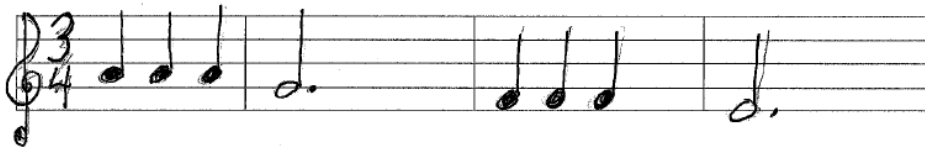
"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

Red Book 603

MEDITATION CHANT

"Celtic Poem"

Jeff Bray



O Sacred Three

My fortress be



Encircling me

Come and be



Round my hearth and home

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

(please stand if able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Life Together in Mercy

We gather as God's family, called to love one another sincerely, to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

Lord, we confess that we have not always lived as your family.

When our brothers and sisters hurt us, we have sometimes held onto anger rather than seeking reconciliation.

Forgive us for the grudges we carry, the words we speak in anger, and the wounds we refuse to acknowledge.

You call us to let love be genuine, to honor one another, to practice hospitality, and to live in harmony.

Forgive us for the times we have chosen our own way over the good of the community—for jealousy, resentment, pride, and indifference.

Like Jonah, we confess that sometimes we would rather see others judged than welcomed, punished than restored, excluded than embraced.

When your mercy toward others troubles us, expand our minds and hearts to see others as you do: as people worthy of grace.

In Christ, God does not hold our sins against us. We are forgiven +, restored, and called again into the family of God.

By the grace of God, we will seek peace, practice mercy, and love one another. Amen.

OPENING SONG

"Faithful Family" (vs 1 and 4)
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Rory Cooney

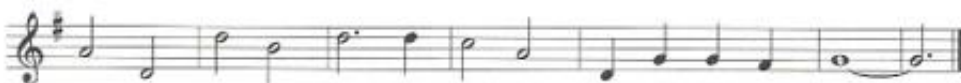
Refrain



Be like our God, who chose to live and learn our ways, and



die in deep, un-bound-ed love. For-give each



oth - er ten-der - ly. The faith-ful fam-'ly of our God.

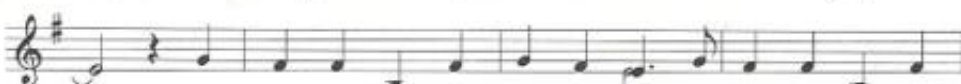
Verses



1. Where ev - er there is char - i - ty, self - less, giv - ing
2. And let us love the Liv - ing God, mer - ci - ful, and
3. ‡ When we are to - geth - er, let us act as
4. ‡ One day in the com - pan - y of the saints in



care, sure - ly our God is there.
kind, bod - y and heart and mind.
one, ways of greed and con - flict done.
light, may we see your face shine bright;



The love of Christ has gath - ered us to one from is - land
‡ Let us love each oth - er well, hold the stran-ger
‡ Let there be no bit - ter-ness, quar-rel-ing, nor
‡ Bright up - on your fam - i - ly, faith-ful, hu - man,



ways: let us sing for joy all our days.
dear, reach-ing out to all with-out fear.
strife. In our midst is Christ, our life.
flawed. Shine in glo-ry, Christ, our God.

D.C.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

David Walker

Lord, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks, focused on the work you call us to and not on the work of others. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and grace, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(please sit)

FIRST READING

Jonah 3: 10 – 4:11

Steve Clark

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, **for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.** ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about

the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. "And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145

"Our God Is Compassion"

Jeanne Cotter

Refrain



Verses

1. The Lord is grace and mercy, slow to anger, full of love.
God is good to all creation; full of compassion.
2. Let all your works give thanks, O God. Let the faithful bless you.
The eyes of all are filled with hope; you give them all they need.
3. The Lord is just in ev'ry way, full of love for all.
God is near to those in need; who call out from their hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*"Alleluia"**Jerry Sinclair*

(please stand if able)

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 20: 1 – 16

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Gospel of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²**After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.** ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸

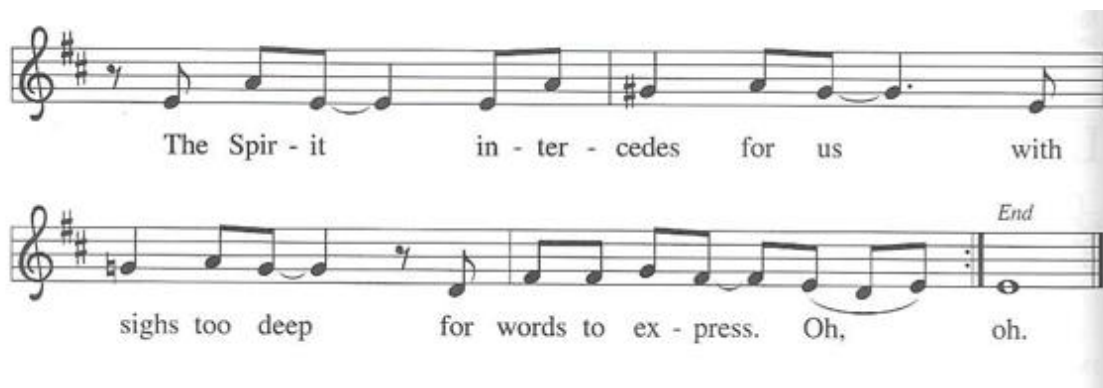
When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, **‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’** ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ **Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’** ¹⁶ **So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**
(please sit)

SERMON “Jealousy and Anger in Relationships” *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

SERMON SONG “Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven” *Red Book 864*
(prayer squares collected)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “The Spirit Intercedes for Us” *Larry Olson*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Let It Be"

Lennon/McCartney

OFFERING PRAYER

David Walker

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

Song

Richardson/Bray



And the ta-ble will be wide. And the wel-come will be wide.

And the arms will o - pen wide to ga-ther us in.

And our hearts will o-pen wide to re - ceive.

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "Table Will Be Wide"

(please stand if able)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother and . . .

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation (please sit)

966 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



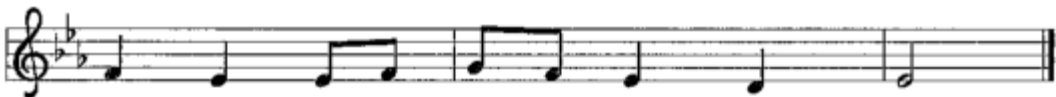
heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

David Walker

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance
of your love and forgiveness.
May our lives witness to these gifts
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

(stand)

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"For the Fruit of All Creation

Red Book 679

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Live in God's generosity! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with a pastor.

BIBLE STUDY – Mondays – 12:30 in the Gathering Space

- We'll be looking at **Philippians 2:1-13**.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- **We are in need of servers throughout Fall** for the Olga Sunday Meal hosted at Redeemer. We need at least 12 people. If you can volunteer individually, as a family or as a small group, please sign up at olganws.com/volunteer.

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Please use the link or QR barcode to sign up to be a worship leader. You can sign up to be the liturgical assistant, reader and communion assistant. September and October dates out there now.
- [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/
worship#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/)



OUTREACH FOR HOPE – RIDE, RUN, WALK 2026

- This year's Ride, Run, Walk is being held on **Saturday, September 26**, starting at 8:30 AM. There are four sites you can participate at:
 - Grafton: Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
 - Kenosha: Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
 - Milwaukee: Meets at Washington Park (no bike rides at this site)
 - Waukesha: Meets at Fox River Sanctuary
- For more information, go to OFHRRW.org or contact Brittany Wilson who is our ambassador this year. There is also information in the narthex.

JOIN THE MET TEAM FOR COFFEE HOUR – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 9 AM

- Greet the MET Team before worship on the 20th. They will be there to answer your questions on the MET process. It will be held in the Mission Partner Space.

WE HAVE A SUGGESTION BOX!

- Box is located in the Narthex on one of the large tables.
- Please put any questions, suggestions, or thoughts that you'd like to share with the MET and leadership in there, and we will check it weekly. Also, feel free to reach out to Pastor Heidi and the other members of the MET: Solomon Tesfai (chair), LuAnn Blohm, Scott McIntosh, Lisa Myers, Nancy Grothe, and Donnie Bogle-Boesiger (council president).

PLAN AHEAD

- Pet Blessing – Saturday, October 10 at 10 AM in North Parking Lot
- Semi Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 18, right after the service in the sanctuary.