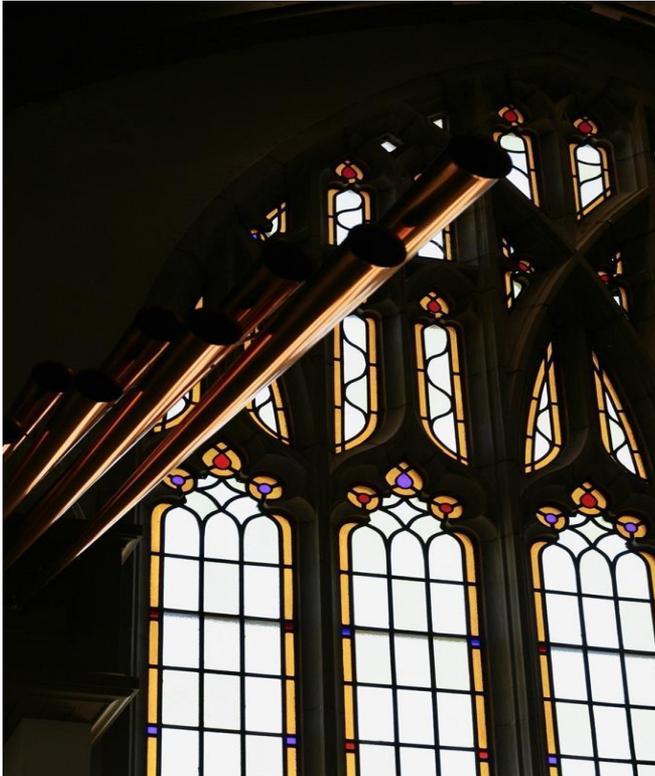


May 15, 2022 7pm

## Night Church

"Yours is the day, yours also the night."  
Psalm 74:16



Loving God. Loving People.  
Growing in Christ Together.

*Leading:* The Reverend Brian Suggs

Welcome

The Greeting:

*Leader:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Leader:* Praise the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ:  
*All:* **he has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

*Leader:* Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.  
*All:* **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

*A candle is lit.*

Opening Prayer:

*Leader:* Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All:* **Amen.**

Song of Praise:  
**10,000 Reasons**  
*Matt Redman*

Chorus:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

Verse 1:

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the even- ing comes.**

Repeat Chorus

Verse 2:

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3:

**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:  
Ten thousand years and then fore - - vermore!**

Repeat Chorus

Ending:

**I'll worship Your holy name.  
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.**

Bible Reading:  
**Psalm 145:1-7, 10-12**

I will exalt you, my God and King,  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
I will praise you every day;  
yes, I will praise you forever.

**Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!  
No one can measure his greatness.  
Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;  
let them proclaim your power.**

I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor  
and your wonderful miracles.  
Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;  
I will proclaim your greatness.

**Everyone will share the story of your wonderful  
goodness;  
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.  
All of your works will thank you, Lord,  
and your faithful followers will praise you.**

They will speak of the glory of your kingdom;  
they will give examples of your power.  
They will tell about your mighty deeds  
and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

Bible Reading:  
**Acts 2:22-24, 29-33, 36-39**

*Reader:* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

“My fellow Israelites, listen to these words: Jesus from Nazareth was a very special man. God clearly showed this to you. He proved it by the miracles, wonders, and miraculous signs he did through Jesus. You all saw these things, so you know this is true. Jesus was handed over to you, and you killed him. With the help of evil men, you nailed him to a cross. But God knew all this would happen. It was his plan—a plan he made long ago. Jesus suffered the pain of death, but God made him free. He raised him from death. There was no way for death to hold him. “My brothers, I can tell you for sure about David, our great ancestor. He died, was buried, and his tomb is still here with us today. He was a prophet and knew something that God had said. God had promised David that someone from his own family would sit on David’s throne as king. David knew this before it happened. That is why he said this about that future king:

‘He was not left in the place of death.

His body did not rot in the grave.’

David was talking about the Messiah rising from death. So Jesus is the one God raised from death. We are all witnesses of this. We saw him. Jesus was lifted up to heaven. Now he is with God, at God’s right side. The Father has given the Holy Spirit to him, as he promised. So Jesus has now poured out that Spirit. This is what you see and hear. David was not the one who was lifted up to heaven. “So, all the people of Israel should know this for certain: God has made Jesus to be Lord and Messiah. He is the man you nailed to the cross!” When the people heard this, they felt very, very sorry. They asked Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for the people who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself.”

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Talk:  
*The Reverend Brian Suggs*

Response to God's Word:  
*After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during  
'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.*

*Leader:* Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

*All:* **Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*cf Philippians 2.6-11*

Song of Praise:  
**The Same Power**  
*Worship Central*

Verse 1:

**There is pow'r in His name  
For the stone was rolled away  
Mountains bow down before  
Jesus Christ our risen Lord  
Jesus Christ our risen Lord**

Chorus

**Mighty Saviour lifted high  
King forever Jesus Christ  
Crowned in glory raised to life  
The same power lives in us**

Verse 2

**We will rise stand and sing  
Of our great and matchless King  
Seated high on the throne  
You shall reign forevermore  
You shall reign forevermore**

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

**The grave could not contain the power of His name  
Death You overcame once and for all**

Repeat Chorus

Ending

**The same power lives in us**

Prayer:

*This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.*

With faith we pray to you our God.

That the rest of this day may be holy,  
peaceful and full of your presence;  
with faith we pray, **we pray to you our God.**

That the work we have done and the people we have met  
today may bring us closer to you;  
with faith we pray, **we pray to you our God.**

That we may hear and respond to your call  
to peace and justice;  
with faith we pray, **we pray to you our God.**

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those  
who are lonely, oppressed and anxious and those on  
our hearts this night...  
with faith we pray, **we pray to you our God.**

That you will strengthen us in your service,  
and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom; with  
faith we pray, **we pray to you our God.**

God of mercy, you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our  
Saviour. **Amen.**

*Leader:* Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
so in faith and trust we pray:

*All:* **Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

*During confession we all say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness for the wrong things (called sin) we've done and for the things we've thought in our minds that aren't pleasing to God. We also say sorry and ask forgiveness for the things we haven't done but should have done. We don't always mean to do wrong (sin), but we do. We all need God's forgiveness, so we ask for it. God has promised to always forgive us and never to remember our sin again.*

*Leader:* Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.  
Let us confess our sins.

*1 Peter 2:24*

*All:* **Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Absolution:  
*God's forgiveness is now confirmed.*

*Leader:* May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Song of Praise:  
**No Longer Slaves**  
*Bethel Music*

Verse 1:  
**You unravel me, with a melody**  
**You surround me with a song**  
**of deliverance, from my enemies**  
**Till all my fears are gone**

Chorus:  
**I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God**  
**I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God**

Verse 2:  
**From my Mother's womb, You have chosen me**  
**Love has called my name**  
**I've been born again, into a family**  
**Your blood flows through my veins**

Repeat Chorus

Bridge:

Oh oh, oh oh oh,

Oh oh, oh oh oh

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it

My fears were drowned in perfect love

You rescued me, so I could stand and sing

I am child of God

I am child of God

Repeat Chorus

Closing Prayer:

*All:*        **Gracious God,  
you have given us much today;  
grant us also a thankful spirit.  
Into your hands we commend ourselves  
and those we love.  
Stay with us,  
and when we take our rest  
renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Blessing (sung):

Go now in peace;  
go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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