

June 26, 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 Patrick McManus

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: Loving God, we have come to worship you.

All: **Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Song of Praise:
Even So Come
Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

All of creation, aLl of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus:

Like a bride, waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing
Even so come
Lord Jesus come

Verse 2:

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever Faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Bridge:

So we wait
We wait for You
God we wait
You're coming soon

Chorus

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding
canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;

**the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

1 John 3:13-24

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John

Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Talk:
The Reverend Patrick McManus

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:
Lord I Need You
Matt Maher

Verse 1:

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2:

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
(repeat)

Chorus

Ending:

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

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.

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace
and let your glory be over all the earth.

For the war in Ukraine and for those who suffer as a
result, we pray,
Lord, have mercy.

For those on our hearts and minds this night,
(*please name them aloud or silently*)...
we entrust them to your care
and pray for your healing, peace and comfort.
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

Leader: Lord God,

All: 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:
Goodness of God

Bethel Music

Verse 1:

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2:

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus**Bridge:**

'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

Closing Prayer:

All: Gracious God,
support us all the day long of this earthly life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening
comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, O God, in your mercy,
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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