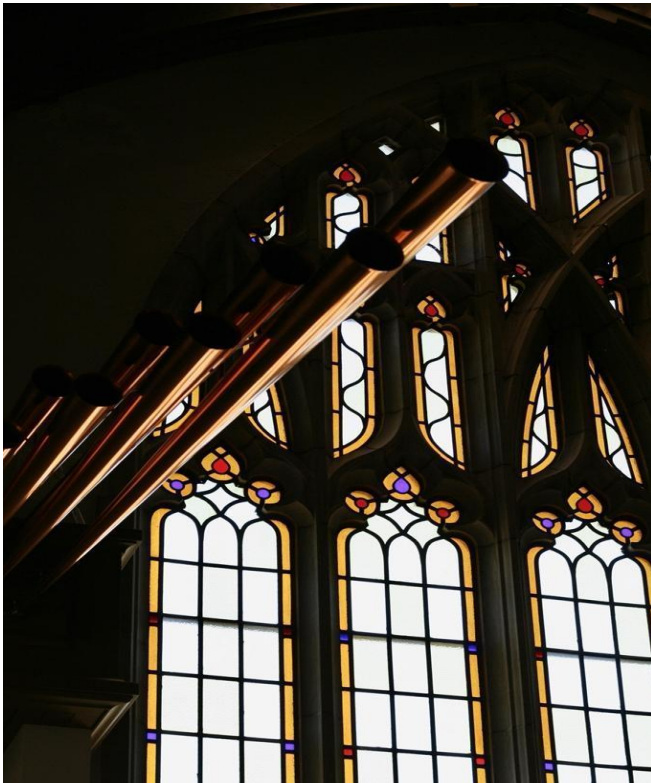


March 19, 2023 7pm

Night Church

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



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Welcome
Beena Kuriakose

The Greeting:
Jacquie Burkhardt

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

A candle is lit.

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
All: **and the day is almost over.**

Leader: Even the darkness is not dark for you:
All: **and the night shines like the day.**

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness:
All: **and fill your church with your glory.**

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Song of Praise:
Here I Am to Worship
Hillsong Worship

Verse 1:
Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2:

King of all days

Oh, so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge:

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross (4x)

Chorus

Bible Reading:

Psalm 23

Leslie and Ben Morra

The Lord is my shepherd;

I have all that I need.

He lets me rest in green meadows;

he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,

bringing honor to his name.
**Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.**

Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me.
**You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.**

You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
**Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,**

and I will live in the house of the Lord
forever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

Bible Reading:
John 9:1-16,28-41

A reading from John's Gospel.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world." Then he spit on the ground,

made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!" But the beggar kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!" They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?" He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.' So I went and washed, and now I can see!" "Where is he now?" they asked. "I don't know," he replied. Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, "He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!" Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

Then they cursed him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! We know God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where this man comes from." "Why, that's very strange!" the man replied. "He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where he comes from? We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. If this man were not from God, he couldn't have done it." "You were born a total sinner!" they answered. "Are you trying to teach us?" And they threw him out of the synagogue. When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe

in him." "You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!" "Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind." Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, "Are you saying we're blind?" "If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But you remain guilty because you claim you can see."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Talk:
Natania Friesen

Response to God's Word:

Jacquie Burkhardt

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

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Song of Praise:
King of My Heart
Bethel

Verse 1:

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song

Verse 2:

Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

Chorus:

'Cause You are good, You are good, oh oh
You are good, You are good, oh oh

Verse 3:

And let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh oh, He is my song

Verse 4:

Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh oh, He is my song

Chorus x2

Bridge:

You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
And You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down

Chorus

Prayer:
Jacquie Burkhardt

Father in Heaven, thank you for your great love, for your never ending mercy and your lavish grace. You have made us your own by sending your Son, Jesus Christ. Now we hear you calling us to lives of faith that honour you. Help us to faithfully follow you, we pray.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. **May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. **Give us clean hands and pure hearts, so that our lives will reflect your holiness.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. **May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.**

You have called us as members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. **We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those who are sick and in distress.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. **Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we**

will be united with you for ever.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. 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,
and 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 all need God's forgiveness, so we ask for it. God has promised to always forgive us.

Leader: When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in
darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the
heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us
confess our sins.

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 of us all is confirmed.

Leader: **May the Father of all mercies**
 cleanse us from our sins,
 and restore us in his image
 to the praise and glory of his name,
 through Jesus 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:
Jacquie Burkhardt

**All: Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord
in all we say and do.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.**

Blessing (sung):

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

Looking Ahead at ASK

March 26 - Dinner Before Night Church, Youth Group

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 6 - Maundy Thursday - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Service

April 7 - Good Friday - 10am Family Service, 12pm Solemn Service

April 8 - Easter Vigil - 8pm

April 9 - Easter Sunday - 8am, 10am, 7pm

April 16 - Baptism Sunday

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