

Bless the Years Sunday

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our God, we thank you: not because you are age-less,
but because you encompass all the ages that are.
Not because you are time-less, but because you fulfill
and redeem every time and all of time.

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the ages of our lives:
for the innocence of infancy; for the honesty of childhood;
for the enthusiasm of youth; for the industry of adulthood;
and for the integrity of old age.

Most especially we thank you for the wholeness of life
we experience when the household of faith
gathers to worship, to serve, to learn, and to play.

In Jesus Christ. Amen.



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

August 9, 2020 - Bless the Years Sunday

Bless the Years Worship Service Bulletin

Services begin LIVE at 10:00 am in the backyard at Abiding Savior
or you may also join us virtually on Facebook at www.facebook.com/abidingsaviorlc.

You can also watch anytime at your convenience by visiting our website at
<http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/resources/watch-our-worship-services/>

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Bless the Years Sunday ~ August 9th, 2020

10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service

Welcome to Bless the Years Worship!

Welcome to worship this morning! Today is a special worship. On this day we honor and lift up the blessing of years; the blessing of the senior adults in our congregation as they teach us what it means to look to God's promise for guidance, comfort and strength in life. We give thanks to God who blesses all the years of our lives and promises to be faithful to us. It is a wonderful gift for all ages to share life together in faith. If you are visiting, we extend a special welcome to you. If you are in need of a church home, we invite you to be a part of our community of faith.

God bless your worship this morning!

The Lord is with me my whole life long

GATHERING MUSIC

Hymn Medley

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESS THE YEARS RECOGNITION

***OPENING HYMN**

Borning Cry

ELW #732

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.**

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

LITANY (Based on Psalm 71)

L Bless the Lord, men and women, children and youth, all people everywhere.

C **For you, O God, have stooped way down from heaven to make a home with us.**

L You wash us in the waters of Baptism and mark us with the cross of Christ forever.

C **You call us by your Holy word and make us your own.**

L You feed our hungry hearts with bread from heaven.

C **You turn our hearts of stone to hearts filled with love.**

L You hold us in your love and you will never let us go.

C **O God, I have trusted in you since I was young.**

L I have relied on you all my life; you have protected me since the day I was born.

C **I will always praise you.**

L O God, You have taught me ever since I was young.

C **I still tell of your wonderful acts.**

L Be with me while I proclaim your power and might to all generations to come.

C **You have done great things; there is no one like you.**

L I will sing the story of your love O Lord and proclaim your faithfulness forever.

C **You have done great things; there is no one like you. I will sing the story of your love and proclaim your faithfulness forever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Gracious God,

C **We thank you for the blessing of the years. We thank you for being there to hear our borning cry and for your promise to carry us even to our last breath. Even then you are there to give us life. May we treasure each passing day as a gift from you. We thank you for the great cloud of witnesses who have taught us how to live our lives. Help us to grow in faith, hope, and love; and as we grow in age, give us vision and courage to serve you as long as we live.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesenbring

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so:
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.**

Chorus: **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**When the nights are dark and long, in my heart he puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear, have no fear for I am near. *Chorus***

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shelter Me
(Based on Psalm 23)

- Michael Jonkas, Composer

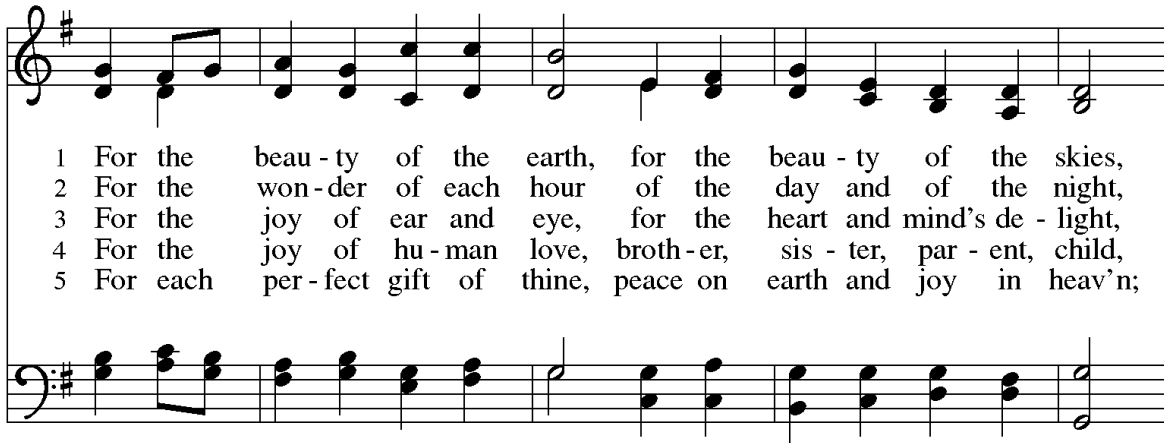
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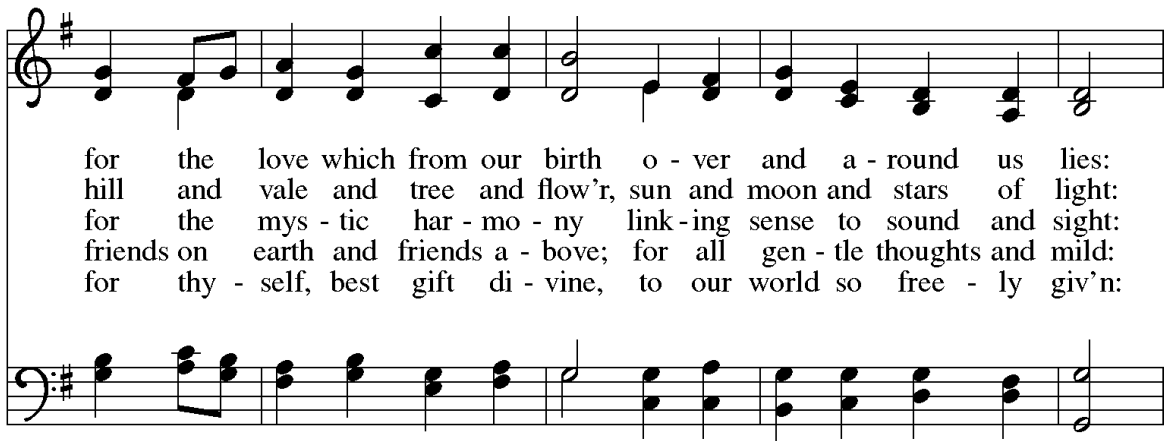
HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Beauty of the Earth

Led by Karen Mills
(verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

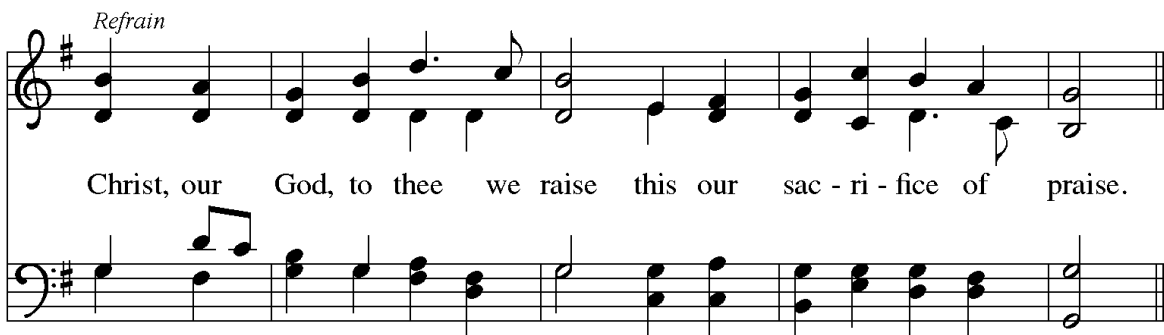


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*(The pastors and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord with Peace be with you;
Please share a verbal 'Peace' instead of shaking hands)*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

This morning, ushers will collect offering in large baskets. Please hold out your envelopes for ushers to see as they are walking around. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe at the front of Brad's Pad. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania.

To find additional ways to support the mission & ministry of
Abiding Savior, please visit the following page:
<http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/give-to-abiding-savior/>

OFFERING MUSIC

Because He Lives

Janelle Schauer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

As You Go On Your Way

Led by Karen Mills

(verses 1 & 2)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Janelle Schauer

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HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO BUDD & MARGARET BROMAN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 20TH. CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS FOR YEARS TO COME!

SPECIAL MUSIC: Karen Mills

SPECIAL GUEST: Linka Holey

SOUND BOOTH TECHS: Colin Owens, Jim Schlotterback, Ally Brodin, Gary Engen (G2)

VIDEO: Katie & Taylor Brouillard

USHERS: Larry Thill, Roy Kill, Curt Johnson, Kaethe Bisek, Bob Wirtz,

Ivan Alderink, Gigi Alderink, Debby Nelson

Thank You!

Pastoral and Musical Staff

Pastor

Rev. Elisa Richardson Engen

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Intern Deacon &

Youth Director

Brad Mills

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Mesenbring

Abiding Savior Outdoor Worship Service Schedule:

Sunday, August 9th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Bless the Years Worship*

Sunday, August 16th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Traditional Backyard Worship*

Sunday, August 23rd ~ 10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Backyard Worship*

Sunday, August 30th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Backyard Worship*

Sunday, Sept. 6th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Traditional Backyard Worship*

Sunday, Sept. 13th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Rally Sunday Worship & Activities!

*Weather Permitting



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