

# We Are the Church: August 30, 2020

Week Fourteen: Proclaiming the Gospel through Vocation



PRELUDE: Amanda Sabelko, Anna Brennan and Gloria Gilbertson

OPENING SONG: **Take My Life That I May Be** ELW 583

*Refrain/Estrillo*

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

*To stanzas* | *Last time*  
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain/Estrillo*

pul - so de tu a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.
- L: Listen deeply to these words as we confess our sins, trusting in the mercy of God. Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.
- L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY (by John Donne)

- L: Let us pray: Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening, into the house of God and gate of heaven, that we may dwell in that place where there is no cloud nor sun, no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no foes nor friends, but one equal communion and identity; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity. Keep us, O Lord, so awake in the duties of our callings that we may sleep in your peace and wake in your glory to an unending possession of that realm which your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has purchased for us with the price of his own blood. Amen.

## **The First Reading: Acts 18:1-4**

### ***Paul in Corinth: Proclaiming the Gospel through Our Vocations***

L: The first reading are selected stories from Acts the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together — by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

## **The Second Reading: Acts 19:11-20**

### ***Paul's Proclamation of the Gospel Works Confession and Repentance***

L: The second reading is from Acts, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>11</sup>God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. <sup>13</sup>Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup>But the evil spirit said to them in reply, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" <sup>16</sup>Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup>When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. <sup>18</sup>Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. <sup>19</sup>A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. <sup>20</sup>So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

## **The Third Reading: Acts 20:18-21, 25, 28-38**

### *A Heartfelt Goodbye and Admonitions for the Community*

L: The third reading is from Acts the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

(To the elders of the Church at Ephesus, Paul says) <sup>18</sup> "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. <sup>20</sup> I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus...

<sup>25</sup> And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again... <sup>28</sup> Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. <sup>29</sup> I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. <sup>34</sup> You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. <sup>35</sup> In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

<sup>36</sup> When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. <sup>37</sup> There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, <sup>38</sup> grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

SERMON:

Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

SPECIAL MUSIC

# Make Me A Servant

Words and Music by  
Kelly Willard

$\text{♩} = 82$

F Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ /C C<sup>7</sup>



Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up

7 B $\flat$ /F F F<sup>2sus</sup> F A Dm Dm/C G<sup>2</sup>/B B $\flat$ m<sup>6</sup>



those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be:

13 F/A Gm<sup>7</sup> F/A Gm<sup>7</sup>



Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

17 F/C C<sup>7sus</sup> F<sup>2</sup>



make me a ser - vant to - day. \_\_\_\_\_

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

We give thanks for the offering received today. Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L:** On this morning, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give. Amen.

*A brief silence. The Leader continues.*

We pray for the church throughout the world. *A brief silence.*

For the spirit of resurrection within all believers. *A brief silence.*

For the newly baptized. *A brief silence.*

For the health of plants and animals. *A brief silence.*

For all who care for the earth. *A brief silence.*

For peace throughout the world. *A brief silence.*

For an increase of justice in every land. *A brief silence.*

For those in need, those close to home, those far away. *A brief silence.*

For those who are hungry. *A brief silence.*

For the sick and the dying. *A brief silence.*

For our neighborhood. *A brief silence.*

For this assembly of worshipers. **(Any Special Petitions)** *A brief silence.*

For the desires of our hearts. *A brief silence.*

We give thanks for the lives of all the faithful who have died and who now enjoy the full presence of God. We pray that at the end we may join them in the resurrection.

*A brief silence.*

On this morning, O God, receive our prayers and praises, and give us your Spirit, that our lives may be signs of the new life you give through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship:** Sunday at 9AM on the lawn; 10AM Zoom. Online available afternoon

→ Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Wednesday at 6:30 PM at SJK: Campfire Worship

Wednesday ONLINE worship: Campfire Worship at 7:15 PM

## **Bible Studies**

Thursdays at 9:30 AM via Zoom: Women of Faith

Saturdays at 10 AM via Google Meets: Contact Kelly Utesch for more information

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## BLESSING

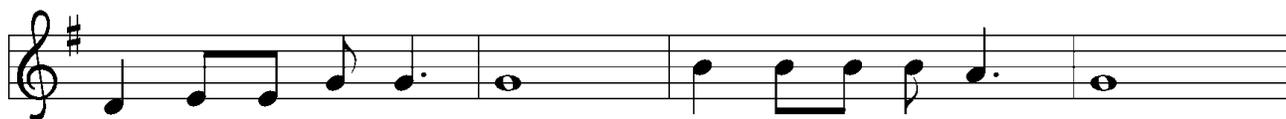
L: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all  
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

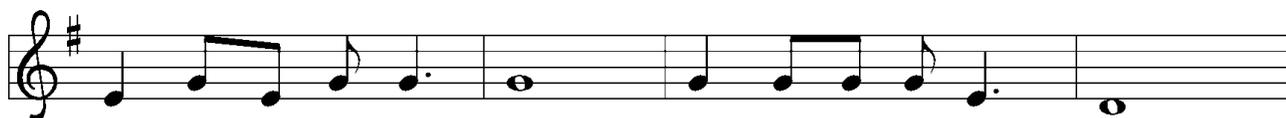
L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

## SENDING SONG:

### This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.