

Elim Lutheran Church  
Sunday, June 14, 2020  
Recorded Worship

“*Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved  
his head, and fell on the ground and  
worshipped.*

Job 1:20

**Summer 2020 - Job Week 1  
Narrative Lectionary  
June 14, 2020**

Job 1:1-22



## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has blessed us with all we have.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Leader: The Lord will not abandon us.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Leader: The Lord is present in all our struggles.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

## OPENING SONG: BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

**You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
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## **GREETING**

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Faithful God ,

**All:** **You long for your children to seek you at all times,  
not only when we are in need of something.**

**Teach us the faith that reaches for our creator above anything else,  
and does not waver when life becomes challenging.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## **READING: JOB 1:1-22**

**Leader:** A reading from the book of Job

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. <sup>2</sup>There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. <sup>3</sup>He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred donkeys, and very many

servants; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east.

<sup>4</sup>His sons used to go and hold feasts in one another's houses in turn; and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. <sup>5</sup>And when the feast days had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." This is what Job always did.

<sup>6</sup>One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." <sup>8</sup>The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil." <sup>9</sup>Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? <sup>10</sup>Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup>But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!" So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup>a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup>and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>17</sup>While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and

killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.” <sup>18</sup>While he was still speaking, another came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house, <sup>19</sup>and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you.”

<sup>20</sup>Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup>He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” <sup>22</sup>In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong-doing.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

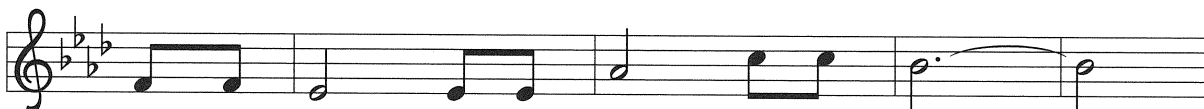
## CHILDREN’S SERMON

**SERMON:** Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

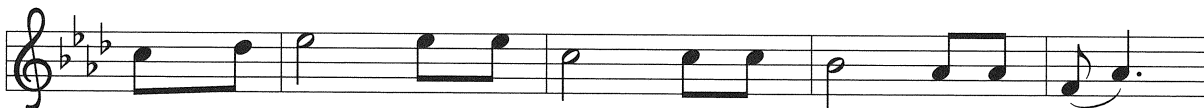
## HYMN OF THE DAY: PRECIOUS LORD TAKE MY HAND



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD

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## 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

LEADER: Your servant Job was faithful both when he enjoyed many possessions and also when he lost them. May we show even a fraction of his devotion to you when our lives don't go as we wish. God of abundance,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Bring your peace to all who grieve the loss of George Floyd, who died at the hands of police officers on Memorial Day. May your reconciling love empower everyone in our country who is angry, despairing and hopeless about the racism that still exists. Fill us all with a deep desire for peace and justice for all of your children. God of abundance,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Strengthen farmers and those who work the land, especially when they suffer losses which endanger their livelihood. Give us respect for the resources of this earth that we might use them wisely. God of abundance,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Love of material wealth only damages our spirit and dulls our compassion for those who are less fortunate. Unite us with all your people and use our lives to bring about healing wherever it is needed. Be with those who need a special measure of your grace today, especially Kevin, Nam Sun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Mercedes, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (*brief silence*). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. God of abundance,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Comfort all who have experienced the unimaginable loss of a child. Reassure them that you hold their loved ones in your loving arms, and that they shall one day be united in your holy kingdom. God of abundance,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. God of abundance,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: You remain the same always, O Lord, even when we are inconstant in faith. Hear our prayers and open our hearts to all the ways you are calling us to serve, for the sake of Jesus our Lord,

**ALL: Amen.**



## LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Nathan and Daphne Widger - "My Lighthouse"

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pastor: Life-giving God,  
**All: You have fed us with your word,  
and our hearts burn within us.  
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.  
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*Response after blessing: Amen*

**SENDING SONG: SEEK YE FIRST**

The musical score is written for two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some chords in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

righteousness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be

added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
 opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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## SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Next Week: Sunday, June 21, 2020**

**Main Idea:** Suffering remains a mystery, but like Job, we can choose how we respond to it.

**Read Ahead:** Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21



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