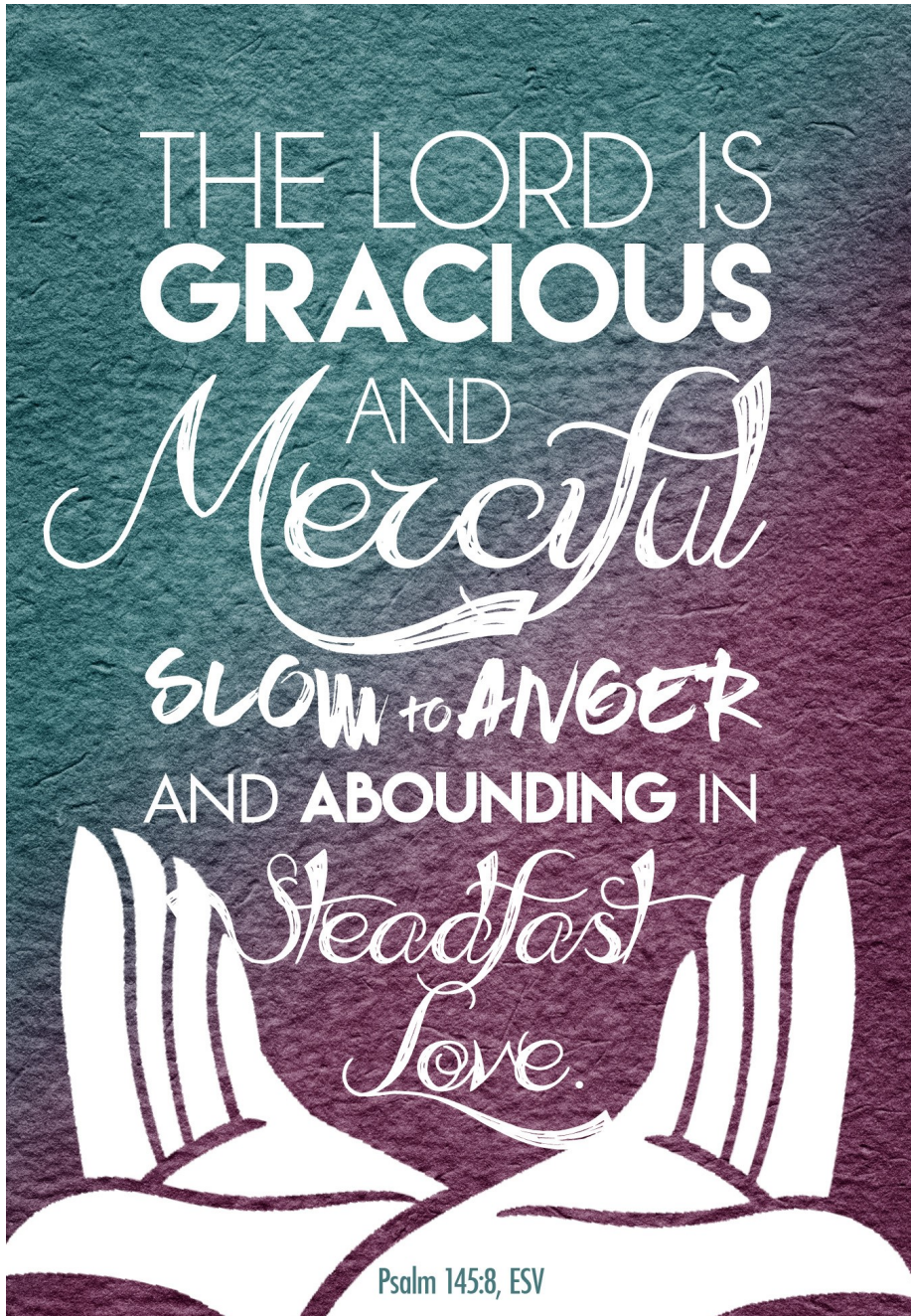


Elim Lutheran Church  
Sunday, September 20, 2020  
Recorded Worship



Psalm 145:8, ESV

# WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG: BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Verse 1

**All this pain  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change  
At all**

Verse 2

**All this earth  
Could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this ground  
At all**

Chorus

**You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us**

Verse 3

**All around  
Hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found  
In You**

Chorus

**You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us**

Chorus

**You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us**

Bridge

**You make me new You are making me new  
You make me new You are making me new**

Chorus

**You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us**

Chorus

**You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us**

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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: Almighty and eternal God,

All: **You show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants.  
Because we cannot rely on our own abilities,  
grant us your merciful judgment,  
and train us to embody the generosity of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10 – 4:11

Leader: A reading from the book of Jonah.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them

their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON:

Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *"God's amazing, generous and surprising grace!"*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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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: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: Generous God, We give you thanks for all the ways you continually surprise us with your abundant love and grace, Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Bless the peaceful protests in Portland and around our country. May there be an end to the violence at those protests by some people. Inspire leaders in our cities with creativity and wisdom to work for justice for all of your children. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need, especially Sue, Carole, Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Christina, Irene, Karle, 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**



Leader: We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy,

**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. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Leader: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## **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

**All: 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.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC:

*"On Eagle's Wings"* performed by Athena Labberton, Sarah Labberton and Cathe Kiler

Text: Michael Joncas b. 1957

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We give you thanks,

**All: Gracious God,**

**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.**

**Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard**

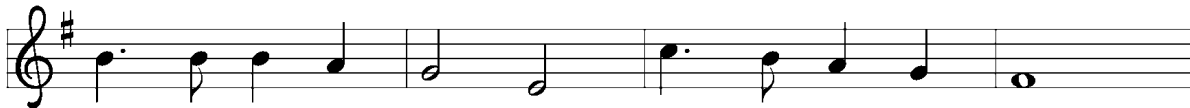
**to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Response after blessing: Amen*

## SENDING SONG: ON OUR WAY REJOICING



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week: Sunday, September 27, 2020

Main Idea: Humility - called to wonder at God's creation

Read Ahead: Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32



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