



*“Miraculous and Simple”*

*Sunday, August 2, 2020 at 8:00 am*

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
(Contemporary Service)**

**AS WE GATHER**

Miracles tend to be big things in our minds. But the miracles Jesus does are more often tied to the simple things of ordinary life—like food! Jesus provides the simple things of life in miraculous ways. That is one of the things the five thousand learned when Jesus took a light lunch and fed thousands. It also confronts us here in simple water that becomes the means to new and everlasting life, or in simple bread and wine that feeds us the flesh and blood of Christ, or in efficacious words that accomplish what they say. But this is also true in our daily lives, as our Good Shepherd supplies all our needs of body and soul.

*Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk (\*).*

**THE PRELUDE**

Praise Team

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**THE WELCOME**

Pastor Chris Matthis

**\*OPENING MEDLEY**

*“My Savior, My God”*

Aaron Shust

**I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed, what God has planned  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands one who is my Savior**

I take Him at His word and deed  
Christ died to save me: this I read  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange, so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior.

*My Savior loves, my Savior lives!  
My Savior's always there for me!  
My God He was, my God He is!  
My God He's always gonna be!*

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My Savior's always there for me!  
My God He was, my God He is!  
My God He's always gonna be!*

Yes, living, dying, let me bring  
My strength, my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die  
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My God He's always gonna be!***

***"God of Wonders"***

Third Day

***Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high***

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth***

***Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night***

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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***Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth***

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me  
Father hold me hold me  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy holy holy***

***Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
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Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth***

**Look inside the mystery, see the empty cross  
See the risen Savior, victorious and strong  
No one else above Him, none as strong to save  
He alone has conquered the power of the grave**

**Glorious, my eyes have the seen the glory of the Lord  
Glorious, He stands above the rulers of the earth**

**Look beyond the tombstone, see the living God  
See the resurrected, the ruler of my heart  
No one else above Him, none to match His worth  
The hope of His returning fills the universe**

**Glorious, my eyes have the seen the glory of the Lord  
Glorious, He stands above the rulers of the earth  
Glorious, glorious, Lord, You are glorious**

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Glorious, He stands above the rulers of the earth  
Glorious, glorious, Lord, You are glorious  
Glory in the highest**

## **+ PREPARATION +**

### **\*INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and ✠ of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We**

justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

*(Come and buy without money or price!)*

“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 136:1-9*

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: to Him who alone does great wonders,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: to Him who by understanding made the heavens,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: to Him who made the great lights,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: the sun to rule over the day,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 9:1-5*

*(Christ came from the Jews.)*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:13-21*

*(The feeding of the 5,000)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kristin Schmidt, DCE

## **SERMON SONG**

*"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

Rend Collection

***Come, set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now***

***We are Your church  
We need Your power in us***

***We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause***

***We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth***

***Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray***

***Unleash Your kingdoms power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of Hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth***

***Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray***

**SERMON**

*“A Lot from a Little”*

Pastor Chris Matthis

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And, in Jesus Christ His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

## OFFERING

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.epiphanylc.org](http://www.epiphanylc.org) and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.*



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## COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF KRISTIN SCHMIDT

### \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### \*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

**Pastor:** The Lord bless You and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*SENDING SONG**

*"Yes and Amen"*

Chris Tomlin

*Father of kindness  
You have poured out grace  
You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace*

*Giver of mercy  
You're my help in time of need  
Lord I can't help but sing*

*Faithful, you are  
Faithful, forever, you will be  
Faithful, you are  
All your promises are Yes and Amen  
All your promises are Yes and Amen*

*Beautiful savior  
You have brought me here  
You pulled me from the ashes  
You have broken every curse*

*Blessed redeemer  
You have set this captive free  
Lord I can't help but sing*

*Faithful, you are  
Faithful, forever, you will be  
Faithful, you are  
All your promises are Yes and Amen  
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*Faithful, you are  
Faithful, forever, you will be  
Faithful, you are  
All your promises are Yes and Amen*

*I will rest in your promises  
My confidence is your faithfulness  
I will rest in your promises  
My confidence is your faithfulness  
I will rest in your promises  
My confidence is your faithfulness  
I will rest in your promises  
My confidence is your faithfulness  
Faithful, you are*

***Faithful, forever, you will be  
Faithful, you are  
All your promises are Yes and Amen***

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Faithful, forever, you will be  
Faithful, you are  
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**Pastor:** Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

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