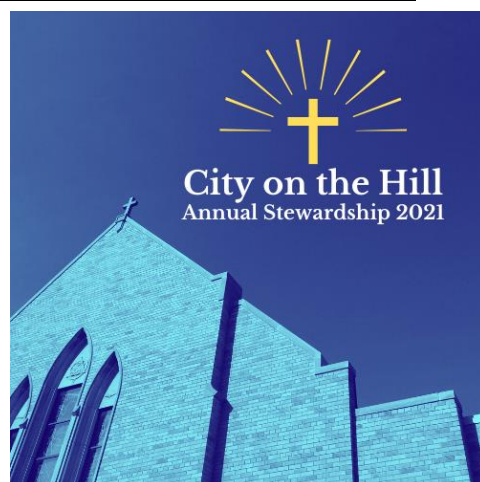


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 Stewardship Sunday #3: City on the Hill
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PRELUDE *Prelude from Music for a Sunday Morning*
 Robert Cundick

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN*Morning Has Broken**ELW #556*

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, you have called us to be a light shining in the world. Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love, goodness, mercy, and grace in our words and actions. We ask this through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

FIRST READING**Isaiah 58:8-12**

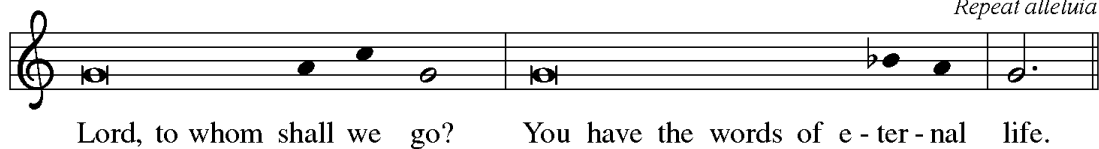
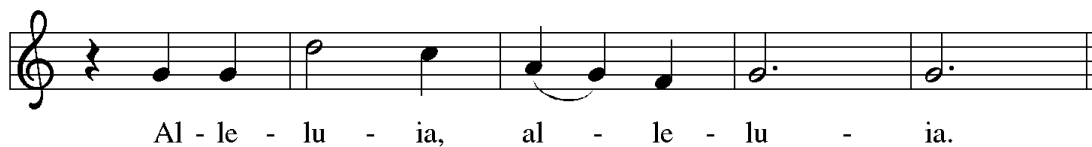
⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE SONG



GOSPEL **Matthew 5:13-16**

¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Steiner, SD Synod Associate to the Bishop

HYMN OF THE DAY*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW #677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Prayer response: Lord, we cry for help. **And you say, Here I am.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS OF GIVING & OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful giving that has continued during this time! Ministry at this time depends on regular giving. If you would like to give online now, you can use this QR code scanner on your smart phone to be directed to the Giving page on our website. You can also mail your offerings in to the church.



You are also invited to submit your 2021 Commitment of Giving card. You can do this by dropping it off at the church, mailing it to the church, or online at bit.ly/Stewardship2021

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO: "CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS"

LITANY OF COMMITMENT OF GIVING

Almighty God . . . By your Holy Word, we know that we live in grace and hope.

Keep us ever close to your promise.
We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Give us faith to trust your promise of life in Jesus Christ.
We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Bring us together each week to hear your gracious Word.
We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Keep us always in your Word that we would give to our neighbors generously and graciously.
We live by your Word of promise, O God.

Make us stewards and instruments of your will to make Jesus known to all the world as we give to others what you have first given us.

We live by your Word of promise, O God.

By your Word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy by assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glory of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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

May the God of all creation,
 in whose image we are made,
 who claims us and calls us beloved,
 who strengthens us for service,
 give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
 The blessing of God,
 Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
 be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

We are Called

ELW #720

- 1 Come! Live in the light!
 Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
 We are called to be light for the kingdom,
 To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
 We are called to love tenderly;
 We are called to serve one another,
 To walk humbly with God.

- 2 Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless
 So hatred and blindness will be no more.

Refrain

- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
 Sing of that great day when all will be one!
 God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
 As sisters and brothers united in love.

*Refrain***SENDING WORDS**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Recessional from Music for a Sunday Morning

Robert Cundick

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