

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023

Uganda Celebration... Partners with Pillars



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Greetings and Welcome

Dedication of Paraments and Communion Ware

Prelude – “In Your Presence”

The only power that wins, is in your hands,
victorious God is the one we serve.

In your presence, God we're here, to worship you,
you're the mighty warrior, and mighty to save.

The only power that wins, is in your hands,
victorious God is the one we serve.

Chorus

In your presence, we worship you, O Lord, receive our praise.

In your presence, we worship you, O Lord, receive our praise.

You touched me with your mighty hand,
you saved me from the past and pain.

Jesus, you renew my life again. (x2)

Chorus

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**In your presence, God we're here, to worship you,
you're the mighty warrior, and mighty to save.**

**The only power that wins, is in your hands,
victorious God is the one we serve. *Chorus***

GATHERING

**Thanksgiving for Baptism:*

P: We gather for worship as the Body of Christ, here in this room and extended around the globe.

C: We are one body with many members.

P: We come from different families and with different friends,

C: We come from different cities and different countries,

P: We come from different tribes and with different languages,

C: We come from different pasts and with different futures,

P: By the grace of God, we are one in the Body of Christ.

C: We come to worship, for the building up of faith, and the new life and forgiveness that come through Christ.

P: This is a gift of God, given freely to all, through God's grace proclaimed in Holy Baptism. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

C: There is no longer Jew or Greek,

P: There is no longer male or female,

C: There is no longer Ugandan or American,

P: There is no longer black or white,

C: For all are one in Christ Jesus our Lord!

P: Lord God, in the abundance of your grace, you gather us and make us one. In Holy Baptism, you make this grace known to us in tangible ways. We thank you for this gift and we ask that you make this grace known to us today. As we worship you, as we hear about our partnership in mission in Uganda, as we enjoy delicious food after worship and the bread of life you give at your table, make us one in mission and one in our devotion to you.

C: Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Call to Worship – “Darling Jesus”*

**Darling Je-e-sus, darling Jesus, O my darling Jesus
You are wonderful Lord.**

**I love you so much, darling Jesus, O my darling Jesus
You are wonderful Lord.**

**Hey-o-ay-o... Hey-o-ay-hey-o-bom, bom, bom
Hey-o-ay-o... Hey-o-ay-hey-o-bom, bom, bom**

WORD

**Gospel Reading:* Luke 24:13-35

Readers: Mike Fenner and Pastor Adam

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what

had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

**Jesus, name above all names; beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us; blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

Sermon

Song of the Day – “Goodness of God”

**1 I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
And all my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God**

Chorus: **All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God**

**2 I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In my darkest night You were close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
Oh I have lived in the goodness of God**

Chorus

Bridge

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Repeat**

Chorus, repeat last line

**The Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

Stewardship Time

"We Worship You"

**You are God of all the earth, you are worthy, mighty king, we worship you today.
You are God who wins the battles, we glorify your name, we worship you today.**

Sing 2 times

**Chorus: We worship you, O Lord, we worship you today (2 times),
We worship you today, we worship you today, we worship you today(2 times),**

**Fill my heart with a thirst for worship,
use me unstoppable to declare your holy name
Jireh Rapha Nissi... El-Shaddai, Adonai... your glory is sufficient to me.**

Sing 2 times

Prayer Interlude

Bridge (leader first time, then All next time):

**Your love is great you died for me, You shed your blood and now I'm free.
You picked me up and brought me change, You are Yahweh, You are Yahweh.**

Sing 2 times

Chorus

Jireh: "The Lord will Provide"

Rapha: "The Lord who Heals"

Nissi: "The Lord our Banner"

El-Shaddai: "Lord God Almighty"

Adonai: "Lord, Master"

–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, before the bread and the wine, Jesus welcomed his guests. He tied a towel around himself and, one after another, washed their feet. The disciples protested, but Jesus insisted and then gave them a new command. “If I have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. For I give you a new commandment, that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

Then, revealing the depth of his love for them, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord’s Prayer – **Baba Yetu*

Instead of reciting the Lord’s Prayer, all are invited to pray it in Swahili. It is not a direct translation of our English version, but may be an even more intimate and personal prayer. You are welcome to pray it in your heart or sing it aloud as you are able.

Communion Songs (videos)

"He Was Beaten"

Written by the Pillars Children

English translation:

"He was beaten, but did not run, stripped and ashamed, pierced, crucified for my sake.

It was for love that he was beaten. He wanted to rescue us who were lost.

We were rescued by the blood of the lamb, rescued by the sacrifice of God.

Thank you, our beloved God, who loves us.

Thank you for your abundant grace that rescued us.

Where would we be? We would be lost if it were not for the blood you shed.

We were convicted by the sin. Thank you for coming and bringing life."

"To the River"

To the river I am going bringing sins I cannot bear,
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me, Lord, I need to meet you there.

Repeat

Precious Jesus, I am ready, to surrender every care.
Take my hand now, lead me closer, Lord, I need to meet you there.

Repeat

"My God is Good, Oh!"

*The devil is at work in all aspects of our lives, bringing suffering and hardship.
This song defiantly sings of the goodness of God in the face of evil.*

Oh...my God is good, oh!
Everything is devil, devil.
Oh...my God is good, oh!

"Raising the Name of God"

Written by the Pillars Children

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus, Name Above All Names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is With Us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Song: "I Am Thanking Jesus"*

**I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus from my heart.
I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus from my heart.**

Swahili:

**Asante sana Yesu, asante sana Yesu, asante sana Yesu moyoni.
Asante sana Yesu, asante sana Yesu, asante sana Yesu moyoni.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: May our Almighty God shine on you like the African sun, watch over you like the tall giraffe, shelter you in the shade of the banana tree, support you with the strength of the hippopotamus, run with you like the jumping gazelle, and protect you like a mighty lioness, this day and always.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “Your Grace Is Enough”*

**1. Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob;
you wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.**

You lead me by still waters into mercy where nothing can keep us apart.

*Refrain: So remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.*

*For your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough,
your grace is enough for me.*

**2. Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob; you use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven’s vict’ry, and all your people sing along.**

Refrain twice

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude*

“Trading My Sorrows” and “My Redeemer Lives”

I’m trading my sorrow.

I’m trading my shame.

I’m laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes Lord...

Repeat

La la la, la la la, la la la la la, Amen!

Repeat

My Redeemer Lives!

Repeat

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin

Greeter: Barb Fishback

Reader: Mike Fenner

Ushers: Angie & Mike Fenner

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

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Drummer: Sam Roth

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Coffee Hosts: *Ugandan Meal*



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What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, April 30, 10:30am: Meal after the service

Wednesday, May 3, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

5:30pm: First Communion Class

Thursday, May 4, 5:00pm: Parish Worship Committee

Saturday, May 6, 8:00am: Cooking
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 7, 9:30am: **Outdoor** Worship & Picnic
10:45am: Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Wednesday, May 10, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

News Updates

Worship, Celebration, and Dinner... UGANDA STYLE!!!

Today we break free from our typical Lutheran norm as we incorporate music and prayer from our Ugandan neighbors at Pillars of Africa. Afterwards, we will host a meal similar to the cuisine our team enjoyed. As you eat, we will tell stories and show pictures of our adventures and share more about opportunities to walk more closely with the programs at Pillars as we help them become more sustainable. And look for the crafts! We brought three suitcases back filled with crafts from their Pillars Empowerment Program that supports local crafters and gives them training to improve their skills.

Outdoor Worship and Picnic May 7

A summer staple for our Faith Family has been our outdoor worship service. The fresh air, breeze blowing through the trees, and barking dogs provide a beautiful sanctuary. Last year we experimented with outdoor worship once each month with a picnic and games... it was a hit! Join us again this summer May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, and September 3. To assure all can participate, there will be seating and communion stations on the grass, on the parking lot, and indoors (with worship visible through windows), as well as being live streamed. Following the service, we are providing a cookout picnic and time for games and activities for all. Our hope is that this will not only be a time of vibrant worship and blessing to our Faith Family, but also to others, so please invite a friend and join us for these wonderful times together!

Music Rehearsal Times— Sunday mornings 10:45-11:15am

Our Exaltation Ringers and Chancel Choir will meet after worship during May before our Summer break: **Chancel Choir – May 7 & 21; Exaltation Ringers – May 14 & 28;**

I hope to see you on Sunday mornings for rehearsal at 10:45am in the sanctuary!

Jean Welch, *Director of Music*

Sign-Up Sheets

are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Men's Breakfast

Join us on Saturday, **May 6** for some delicious food and fellowship with the guys! Come at 8:00 to help in the kitchen and at 9:00 for food and conversation.

Faith and Film

Do you like the ways movies nurture and challenge our faith? Come check out this new small group as we gather for fellowship and lunch, then watch a movie and have discussion. Our next potluck and movie will be on **May 15 at 11:30am**. The movie will be ***His Only Son***, a dramatization of the story of Abraham and Sarah. It specifically focuses on God's call to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. It stirs deep emotions and conflicts of faith while calling to our minds and hearts the sacrifice of the cross and the death of Jesus... "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son..."

Doorbell Dinners — May 29-June 2

Help us deliver meals in the community. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the sign-up counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales.

Faith Telephone Directory

A new Faith Directory is available in the gathering area on the Coffee Sales counter by the Mission & Ministry Center for all to take home (1 per household, please).

Contribution Envelopes for 2023

are in the gathering area at the Coffee Bar. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please mention this to Barb Davenport, Pam Devlin, or Kris Roth. We will happily provide you with a box. If you would like to register for our easy, **automatic online giving service**, contact the church office.

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **\$5.50** coffee pods; **\$6.25** cashews). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.