

Order of Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 17, 2023 – 10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

CONCERT HANDBELLS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, IRVINE
ALEX GUEBERT, DIRECTOR – DR. CHRISTIAN GUEBERT, GUEST CONDUCTOR
“Prayer”
Julie Stitt

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: HANDBELL CHANGE RING

CONCERT HANDBELLS

OPENING SONG

“Nothing Is Impossible”

Through You, I can do anything. I can do all things ‘cause it’s You who gives me strength.
Nothing is impossible. Through You, blind eyes are open, strongholds are broken.
I am living by faith. Nothing is impossible.

I’m not gonna live by what I see. I’m not gonna live by what I feel.
Deep down I know that You’re here with me, and I know that You can do anything.

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I’m not gonna live by what I see. I’m not gonna live by what I feel.
Deep down I know that You’re here with me, and I know that You can do anything.

I believe, I believe. I believe, I believe in You.
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Through You, I can do anything. I can do all things ‘cause it’s You who gives me strength.
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

HANDBELL MUSIC

SPIRIT BELLS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, IRVINE

ERIK DER, DIRECTOR

"Acclamation in G Minor"

Karen Thompson

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

HYMN

SPIRIT BELLS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, IRVINE

ERIK DER, DIRECTOR

OLIVIA THOELKE, ORGANIST

“Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand”

arr. John Behnke

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹ Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we are thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, His charity we learn.
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess.
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease.
Be God’s the glory that we seek, be ours, His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, His only Son.
As members of His body joined we are in Him made one.
For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all whose Father is the same.

arr. Joshua Chai

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"Mighty To Save"

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.

Chorus:

**Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is Mighty to save.
He is Mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in. Now I surrender. *Chorus*

Shine Your light and let the whole world see,
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine Your light and let the whole world see,
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King. *Chorus*

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"Forgiven Forgive"

Matthew 18:21-35

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

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

CONCERT HANDBELLS

"Resonances and Alleluias"

Cathy Mokebust

PRAYERS 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Great Things"

Come, let us worship our King. Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things. See what our Savior has done.
See how His love overcomes.
He has done great things. He has done great things.

Chorus:

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free ev'ry captive and break ev'ry chain.
O God, You have done great things. We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high. O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through ev'ry storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things. And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is Yes and Amen. You will do great things.
God, You do great things. *Chorus*

Hallelujah, God above it all! Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!
Hallelujah, God above it all! Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things! You've done great things. *Chorus*

You have done great things. O God, You do great things!

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POSTLUDE

Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend, are given to the glory of our Lord by the **Wells** family in loving memory of **Doug Wells**.

We Pray For This Week

Greg Wichmann, Steve & Abby Wichmann & Family, Don & Erika Wichmann, Glenn & Maureen Witte, Blake Witte, Randall Wittman, Mark & Mary Wolfinbarger & Family, Heidi Wolfson & Family, George & Becky Wondra

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Alexander Hernandez

Brad Morton

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Don Vick

Karen Whelply