

Home Worship Liturgy 8/23/2020

This is the Day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it. Psalm 118:24

***Opening Prayer** (Have one person read this out loud)

**It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name,
O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.
—Psalm 92:1-2, NIV**

Songs of Praise and Hope¹ (The words to the songs have been provided below for singing or reflection. If you would like to sing along with a video or simply listen to the music, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.)

Shine, Jesus, Shine **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3iB30gCqAc>**

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me (Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me (Refrain)

Trust and Obey **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmGb3zRv6xE>**

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When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word
 What a glory he sheds on our way!
 While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
 And with all who will trust and obey. (
 Trust and obey, for there's no other way
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
 But our toil he doth richly repay;
 Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
 But is blest if we trust and obey.
 Trust and obey, for there's no other way
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
 Or we will walk by his side in the way;
 What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
 Never fear, only trust and obey.
 Trust and obey, for there's no other way
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

He Knows My Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXsiWoyjw60>

I have a Maker, He formed my heart;
 Before even time began my life was in his hands.

(Refrain) He knows my name. He knows my every thought.
 He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
 He'll never leave me no matter where I go. **(Refrain)**

Bible Text and Sermon (To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at idealparkchurch.com and click on the “**Current Sermon Series**” tab for August 23. This will be available Monday, August 24. From there, click on “**Watch Now**” or “**Read Now**” or **Hymnsing**).

Message title: *Wearing the Proper Lens* **Pastor Chris Bouma**

Scripture: Ruth 1

1 In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. **2** The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. **3** Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, **5** both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.”

¹¹ But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!”

¹⁴ At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?”

²⁰ “Don’t call me Naomi” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. ²¹ I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.”

²² So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

Sermon Outline

Naomi’s tragedies

- Leaving her homeland
- Death of a husband
- Death of her sons

When darkness seems to hide God’s face

- How can you relate to Naomi and Ruth?

Seeing God at work for the good

- God provides
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
- Looking to see God at work
 - I can do all things through _____
 - putting on the proper lens

Discussion questions:

-What does Naomi respond to loss? Can you think of anyone else in the Bible who experiences great loss? How do they respond? How would you respond to such difficulty?

- What are you relying on for fulfillment in this life?
- What are the places God is working in your life amidst difficult situations? What are places that God is working in our church?

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (Read these as you feel led, either out loud or silently.)

Lord, I'm here today with open hands and an open heart, ready to depend on you to help me through the day and all it will bring my way. Help me be like Nehemiah, help me come to you for guidance, strength, provision and protection. As I face tough choices and hard situations, help me remember my belovedness, help me remember that I am Your child and Your representative to the world around me. Help me live today in a way that brings honor to Your holy name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4D-gyaxQgK4>

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain) Lean - ing, Lean-ing, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Lean - ing, Lean - ing, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. **(Refrain)**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. **(Refrain)**

Blessing: "The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26