



Promises, Promises

Sermon Series beginning September 11

October 16, 2016

Misneach (MISH-nock) **Mass**

Mishneach is a Gaelic word for courage, hopefulness, and a sense of pushing forward through uncertainty.

Misneach Mass is a meditation on the beauty of Christ's love and mercy for us, today.

*Together, let us celebrate the joy we have in Christ living in both the uncertainties of this life
and the hope of the life to come.*



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Worship on Sundays at 10:30

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs "Here I Am To Worship" & "Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble"

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 75$

E B^{sus} F^{#m} E B^{sus}



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 A²(no3) E B^{sus} F^{#m}



— see — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You,
- bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

7 E B^{sus} A²(no3) B^{7sus}



hope of a life spent with — You. — So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came — poor. —

CHORUS

10 E B/D[#] E/G[#]



wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. .

13 A E B/D[#]



— And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

16 E/G[#] Last time to Coda Φ 1. A A²(no3) 2. A



won - der - ful to me. — — And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

20 B/D# E/G# A B/D# E/G#

- er know _ how much _ it cost _ to see _ my sin _ up - on _

23 1. A 2. A B^{7sus} D.S. al Coda

_ that cross. _ And I'll nev - _ that cross. _ So, here I am to

26 Coda A A^{2(no3)} E

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Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

Words and Music by
Martin Smith

♩ = 102

VERSE

A D/A

1. Did you feel the moun - tains trem - ble? — Did you hear the
 2. Did you feel the peo - ple trem - ble? — Did you hear the
 3. Do you feel the dark - ness trem - ble — when all the saints join

4 Bm⁷ A^{sus}

o - ceans roar when the peo - ple rose to sing of — Je - sus Christ, the
 sing - ers roar when the lost be - gan to sing of — Je - sus Christ, the
 in one song, and all the streams flow as one riv - er — to wash a - way our

8 E^{7sus} A E^{7sus}

ris - en One? —
 sav - ing One? —
 bro - ken - ness? —

11 A E^{7sus} 2, 3. A

PRE-CHORUS

14 D A

And we can see that, God, You're mov - ing, — a might - y
 And here we see that, God, You're mov - ing; — a time of

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Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble - 2

17 D A D A

riv - er through the na - tions; — and young and old will turn to Je - sus. —
 ju - bi - lee is com - ing, — when young and old re - turn to Je - sus. —

21 Bm⁷ D E^{sus}

Fling wide, you heav-en - ly gates; — Pre - pare the way of the ris - en
 Fling wide, you heav-en - ly gates; — Pre - pare the way of the ris - en

25 A E^{7sus} A E^{7sus}

Lord.
 Lord.

CHORUS

29 A D/F#

O - pen — up — the — doors and — let the — mu - sic — play.

33 Bm⁷ A E^{7sus}

Let the — streets — re - sound with sing - ing: —

37 A D/F#

Songs that — bring — Your — hope, songs that — bring — Your — joy, —

41 Bm⁷ A

danc - ers — who dance — up - on in - jus - tice.

2nd time to Coda ◊

Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of promises, you promise to always love us and you remain faithful to us no matter what. Send us toward each other, strangers, friends, and enemies alike, reminding us that you have promised to love them, too. Amen.

Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is _____. You're new to me." OR "Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.

Reprise of "Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble" to gather everyone back together.

Confession

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Dear faithful God,

(left) **We have not loved you with all of our hearts.**

(right) **We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

ALL: We have not responded to your promise

(left) **We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.**

(right) **We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.**

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

(left) **We abuse the gifts of your creation.**

(right) **We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.**

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

(left) **We fail to respond to your call to do justice.**

(right) **We seek only comfort for ourselves.**

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Silence

Kyrie

Kathleen Durbin



Ky - - ri - e e - le - sion _____
Lo - - - rd have mer - cy _____
Chri - - - ste e - le - sion _____
Instrumental... _____
Chri - - - st have mer - cy _____
Ky - - ri - e e - le - sion _____



Ky - - ri - e e - le - sion _____
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Promise of Forgiveness

Forgiving God,

We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Gloria

Kathleen Durbin

1. Glo - ry in the high - est and on earth peace to all, for the
2. In the be - gi - ning was the Word was God. In
3. Glo - ry in the high - est and on earth peace to all, for the

Lord is with us Al - le - u
Him was Life, Light Al - le - u a
Lord is with us Al - le - u

You ta - ke a way the si - n of the world Al - le -
Light shines in the dark - ness but it's not o - ver - come. Al - le -
You ta - ke a way the si - n of the world Al - le -

u ia!
u ia!
u ia!

ending
You ta - ke a way the si - n of the world Al - le - u ia!

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God who answers prayer,

We are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear, your love and your faithfulness. Amen.

Alleluia

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refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

verses

1. Lord to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia!

2. You have the e - ter - nal wor - ds Lord to whom shall we go?

Lord to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia!

You have the e - ter - nal wor - ds Lord to whom shall we go?

To the Narrator: please tell the congregation what their parts are before announcing the reading. Also, go over any pronunciations they might have that could be difficult.

The Word

Shiloh: SHI -loh Nazirite: NAZ-uh-ri t Ramah: RAY-muh Elkanah: el-KAY-nuh Sheol: SHEE-awl

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today in the reading is from the book of 1 Samuel, chapter 1, verses 2-11, 19-20; and chapter 2, verses 1-10.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: Elkanah had two wives. The first was Hannah; the second was Peninnah. Peninnah had children; Hannah did not. Every year this man went from his hometown up to Shiloh to worship and offer a sacrifice to God-of-the-Angel-Armies. Eli and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, served as the priests of God there. When Elkanah sacrificed, he passed helpings from the sacrificial meal around to his wife Peninnah and all her children, but he

always gave an especially generous helping to Hannah because he loved her so much, and because God had not given her children. But her rival wife taunted her cruelly, rubbing it in and never letting her forget that God had not given her children. This went on year after year. Every time she went to the sanctuary of God she could expect to be taunted. Hannah was reduced to tears and had no appetite. Her husband Elkanah said,

ELKANAH (RIGHT): “Oh, Hannah, why are you crying? Why aren’t you eating? And why are you so upset? Am I not of more worth to you than ten sons?”

NARRATOR: So Hannah ate. Then she pulled herself together, slipped away quietly, and entered the sanctuary. The priest Eli was on duty at the entrance to God’s Temple in the customary seat. Crushed in soul, Hannah prayed to God and cried and cried—inconsolably. Then she made a vow:

Hannah (LEFT): Oh, God-of-the-Angel-Armies, If you’ll take a good, hard look at my pain, If you’ll quit neglecting me and go into action for me By giving me a son, I’ll give him completely, unreservedly to you. I’ll set him apart for a life of holy discipline.

NARRATOR: Up before dawn, they worshiped God and returned home to Ramah. Elkanah slept with Hannah his wife, and God began making the necessary arrangements in response to what she had asked. Before the year was out, Hannah had conceived and given birth to a son. She named him Samuel, explaining,

HANNAH (LEFT): “I asked God for him.”

NARRATOR: Hannah prayed:

RIGHT: I’m bursting with God-news!

LEFT: I’m walking on air.

RIGHT: I’m laughing at my rivals.

LEFT I’m dancing my salvation.

RIGHT: Nothing and no one is holy like God, no rock mountain like our God.

LEFT: Don’t dare talk pretentiously—not a word of boasting, ever!

RIGHT: For God knows what’s going on.

LEFT: He takes the measure of everything that happens.

RIGHT: The weapons of the strong are smashed to pieces,

LEFT: while the weak are infused with fresh strength.

RIGHT: The well-fed are out begging in the streets for crusts,

LEFT: while the hungry are getting second helpings.

RIGHT: The barren woman has a houseful of children,

LEFT: while the mother of many is bereft.

RIGHT: God brings death and God brings life,

LEFT: brings down to the grave and raises up.

RIGHT: God brings poverty and God brings wealth;

LEFT: he lowers, he also lifts up.

RIGHT: He puts poor people on their feet again;

LEFT: he rekindles burned-out lives with fresh hope,

RIGHT: Restoring dignity and respect to their lives—

LEFT: a place in the sun!

RIGHT: For the very structures of earth are God’s;

LEFT: he has laid out his operations on a firm foundation.

RIGHT: He protectively cares for his faithful friends, step by step,

LEFT: but leaves the wicked to stumble in the dark.

RIGHT: No one makes it in this life by sheer muscle!

LEFT: God’s enemies will be blasted out of the sky,

RIGHT: crashed in a heap and burned.

LEFT: God will set things right all over the earth,

RIGHT: he’ll give strength to his king,

LEFT: he’ll set his anointed on top of the world!

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Statement of Faith

Let us confess our faith in the God of promise:

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human, experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us – even through the darkest and most difficult moment of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

Prayers of the People

Write, draw, or color your prayers on the MUSICAL NOTES given to you today. When you have finished, please place it on the wall in a plastic sheet protector already hung for you. Two people from the congregation will pray aloud the prayers, anonymously, and we'll sing "The Spirit Intercedes For Us" as a prayer response, following "and we sing..."

Romans 8:26 THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US Larry Olson

♩ = 88 Asus2 E/A G D/F# Asus2

The Spir- it in-ter-cedes for us with sighs too deep for words to ex-press oh, oh, oh.

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Spirit Intercedes For Us'. It features a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a tempo marking of quarter note = 88 and a list of chords: Asus2, E/A, G, D/F#, and Asus2. The copyright information at the bottom reads '©1989 Dakota Road Music All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission.' and the page number '123' is in the bottom right corner.

Offering

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough. Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive.

The watering can is for gifts to House of Grace, a mission congregation in Montrose, Minnesota.

Laundry Love: Take a container to collect quarters to support the ministry of Laundry Love.

Offering Song "Everybody's Got Something To Offer"

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER

Larry Olson

♩ = 100 C

Everybody's got something to of - fer; young and old the prince and the pau - per.

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got something to of - fer in the name of the Lord.

Fine

The Feast

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

In thanksgiving for these gifts, let us pray, **in response to your promise of faithfulness and life, we offer our lives. In response to your promise of love, we offer our love. In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, and all the faithful of every time and place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Kathleen Durbin

1. Ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Lord!
 2. Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Heav'n and ear - th are full of your glo - ry.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

2. refrain
 Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high -

est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est!

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, “Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, “This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

O God of resurrection and new life:

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.**

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.*

The Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Durbin



Our Fa - ther who art in heav'n Oh hall-ow-ed be Your
King - dom come Your will be done, on earth as it is ab -

1. 2.



Name Oh hall-ow-ed be Your Name. Your Give
ove on earth as it is ab - ove



17 us this day, our dai - ly bread, and for-give us Lord, as we for - give



Instrumental break

oooo...

oooo...



Oh Sa - ve us from ou - r sins and de - li - ver us all from death



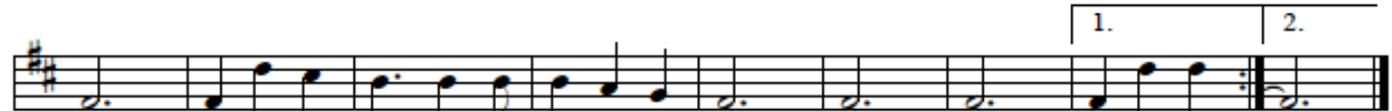
and de - li - ver us all from death For the King - dom and the



Po - wer and the glo - ry are yo - urs



A - men and for - e - ver more Oh A - men for - e - ver



more Oh A - men for - e - ver more For the more.

1. 2.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Communion Songs "Lamb of God" & "Abide with Me"

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God You Take away the
sin of the world *repeat 3 times*
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Lord grant us vision
and peace

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. God of promise, you keep your promise and you feed us so that we may live and give life to the world. Send us out ready to tell others of this great free gift of unending love. Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

MILESTONES

"It's time for milestones—a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share." After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!" "Standing On The Promises" will be sung at the beginning and end of the sharing.

Standing On The Promises

Words and Music by
Russell Kelso Carter

♩=104

VERSE

A \flat

D \flat



1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my King! Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, when the howl - ing storms of doubt and
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I now can see per - fect, pres - ent cleans - ing in the
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, the Lord, bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by
5. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I can - not fall, lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the

4

D \flat /A \flat A \flat

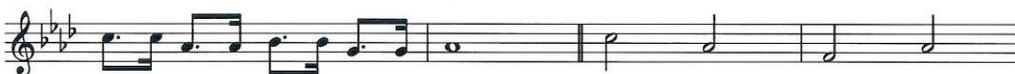


prais - es ring; "Glo - ry in the high - est!" I will shout and sing,
fear as - sail, by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
blood for me; Stand - ing in the lib - er - ty where Christ makes free,
love's strong cord; O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's Sword,
Spir - it's call, rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my All in All,

CHORUS

7

B \flat m/D \flat E \flat 7 A \flat A \flat D \flat Fm



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

11

E \flat A \flat D \flat /A \flat A \flat



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,

14

D \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat 7 A \flat



stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Blessing

You, Child of the most loving and merciful God, have been blessed through the waters of the baptismal font, through the gift of this community, through the bread and wine, the Holy Scriptures and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May the love you have heard about, participated in, and been freely given, shine in you and from you into the world. Go forth in peace my brothers and sisters. Go forth in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song “Go Make Disciples” (KIDS – come play a rhythm instrument!)

Go Make Disciples

Words and Music by
Handt Hanson

F C/E F Gm F/A C

Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tis - ing _ them, _

4 Dm C B♭ B♭/C F C/E F Gm F/A

teach - ing _ them. _ Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you 'til the

8 B♭ C B♭maj⁷ Am Gm

end of _ time. _ Go, be the salt of the earth. _ Go, be the

12 Fmaj⁷ Dm Am

light for the world. _ Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so

15 B♭maj⁷ C/B♭ B♭/C C F C/E F

all can _ see _ that you're serv - ing _ Me. _ Go, make dis - ci - ples.

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Go in peace – serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Music to Send You Out

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