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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LITURGY FOR A TIME OF WIDESPREAD SUFFERING by Douglas McKelvey

Christ Our King, Our world is overtaken by unexpected calamity, and by a host of attending fears, worries, and insecurities. We witness suffering, confusion, and hardship multiplied around us, and we find ourselves swept up in these same anxieties and troubles, dismayed by so many uncertainties.

Now we turn to you, O God, in this season of our common distress.

Be merciful, O Christ, to those who suffer, to those who worry, to those who grieve, to those who are threatened or harmed in any way by this upheaval. Let your holy compassions be active throughout the world even now— tending the afflicted, comforting the brokenhearted, and bringing hope to many who are hopeless.

Use even these hardships to woo our hearts nearer to you, O God.

Indeed, O Father, may these days of disquiet become a catalyst for conviction and repentance, for the tendering of our affections, for the stirring of our sympathies, for the refining of our love.

We are your people, who are called by you,

We need not be troubled or alarmed. Indeed, O Lord, let us love now more fearlessly, remembering that you created us, and appointed us to live in these very places, in the midst of these unsettled times. It is no surprise to you that we are here now, sharing in this turmoil along with the rest of our society, for you have called your children to live as salt and light among the nations, praying and laboring for the flourishing of the communities where we dwell, acting as agents of your forgiveness, salvation, healing, reconciliation, and hope, in the very midst of an often-troubled world. And in these holy vocations you have not left us helpless, O Lord, because you have not left us at all. Your Spirit remains among us.

Inhabit now your church, O Spirit of the Risen Christ. Unite and equip your people for the work before them.

Father, empower your children to live as your children. In times of distress let us respond, not as those who would instinctively entrench for our own self-preservation, but rather as those who—in imitation

of their Lord—would move in humble obedience toward the needs and hurts of their neighborhoods and communities. You were not ashamed to share in our sufferings, Jesus.

Let us now be willing to share in yours, serving as your visible witnesses in this broken world.

Hear now these words, you children of God, and be greatly encouraged: The Lord’s throne in heaven is yet occupied, his rule is eternal, and his good purposes on earth *will be* forever accomplished. So we need never be swayed by the brief and passing panics of this age.

You are the King of the Ages, O Christ, and history is held in your Father’s hands.

We, your people, know the good and glorious end of this story. Our heavenly hope is secure. In this time of widespread suffering then, let us rest afresh in the surpassing peace of that vision, that your whole church on earth might be liberated to love more generously and sacrificially.

Now labor in and through us, O Lord, extending and multiplying the many expressions of your mercy. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

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SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts, Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me
The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER

(Oh) Lord You are More precious than silver
Lord You are More costly than gold
Lord You are More beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire Compares with You

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BE THE CENTRE

Jesus be the centre
Be my source be my light
Jesus

Jesus be the centre
Be my hope be my song
Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus Jesus

Jesus be my vision
Be my path be my guide
Jesus

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

Coldwater Foundatin

Coldwater Foundation exists to provide educational and outdoor leadership programs that promote maturity in people and transformation in community. Coldwater operates out of Mink Lake Wilderness Camp. It is expanding as a ministry with increased staff from the U.S. and Canada.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:21-3:12

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

³ In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of *them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, ² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. ³ Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; ⁴ but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. ⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; ⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

⁷ You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

⁸ To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

“THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS,
MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.

¹¹ “HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD;
HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

¹² "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS,
AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER,
BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

MESSAGE

"Giving a Blessing"

Dave Harvey

THE LORD'S TABLE

You are invited to take communion if you believe that Jesus is the Savior who died for your sins and seek to live under His Lordship.

CLOSING HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Jun 9 5:00 PM Ruby's Pantry will be drive-thru at the Cook County Community Center. Please drive in from the Gunflint Trail to the Creechville Road into the Community Center parking lot.

Wednesday Jun 10 4:00 pm Prayer Link will be sent to your email - contact Dave if you haven't been getting one.

Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church... Richard B. 6/7, Jason I. 6/8, Reuben P., 6/8, Andrea P. 6/11, Rachael E. 6/13

Celebrate Recovery - if you need a meal or prayer please contact Cathy Wilson 218-310-3177 (NOT 370), catfirk@gmail.com or Facebook messenger.



Meal train for Don & Ruth LovaaS <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/v1e5qz> Don and Ruth are requesting simple, classic fare once a week until 6/24. If a Wednesday meal doesn't work for you, you can also call to arrange for Thursday.

More details can be found by clicking the link or thru our Facebook group.

A Message from Gene & Laurene Glader - We want to thank all of you who brought wonderful meals and snacks to us during Gene's first three weeks at home. It was a significant help to us as we adjusted to home care and got up on almost 4 months of mail and personal affairs. It was a great example of Christian care and love by our church fellowship. We also appreciated all the prayer support. Thank you very much!!!

Here are some options to give while we are currently not meeting for regular worship together:

- Send a check made out to the Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church in the mail to PO Box 396, Grand Marais, MN 55604
- If you have an account at the North Shore Federal Credit Union -
 - Set up an E-Pay online at www.northshorefcu.org Please remember to put your name in the memo field so Margie knows who the check came from.
 - Stop by one of the branches and arrange a direct transfer from your account into the Church's checking account. Please have the teller add a memo with your name so Margie knows who the money came from.
- Through Pay Pal on our website www.grandmaraisfree.church PayPal will charge each transaction with a 2.9% + \$0.30 fee.

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