

FINDING JOY IN HARD SITUATIONS: LEARNING FROM PHILIPPIANS



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023





At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship classes are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are also available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today is the Thirteenth week after Pentecost, and during this season of Ordinary Time we are looking at key people and practices of the Anglican Church. Next week, on August 28th, the church celebrates the feast day of Augustine of Hippo. Augustine, who lived in North Africa in the late fourth and early fifth centuries, continues to be one of the most important theologians in the history of the church, shaping doctrines and forming theological arguments that remain relevant today. And in addition to his theological works, he also penned an autobiography we call the Confessions, in which he recounts the story of his conversion in a way that still compels readers today. As we celebrate this feast, let us give thanks to God for the life and work of Augustine of Hippo.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother – all who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine!

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hosanna

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You. Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You.

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day; In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises. Hosanna! Hosanna! Come have Your way among us, We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You. In Your kingdom, broken lives are made new; You make us new.

Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

GLORIA



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

- ⁸ Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."
- ¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.
- ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." ¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"
- ¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

¹ Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM PSALM 124

- ¹ If the Lord had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;
- ² If the Lord had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;
- ³ Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;
- ⁴ Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;
- ⁵ Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.
- ⁶ Blessed be the Lord! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- ⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- ⁸ Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.

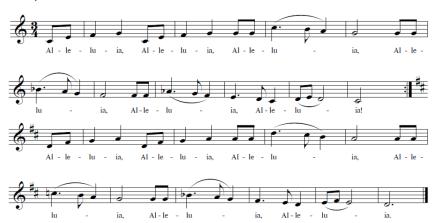
 19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20 I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Finding Peace in Worrisome Situations

Becky Castle Miller Savior Member

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, It is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul, It is well, It is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, Tho' trials should come, Let this blest assurance control; That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin - O, the bliss of this glorious tho't - My sin - not in part, but the whole; Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere

to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious

resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and

Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever

sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

COMMUNION SONGS

Holy and Anointed One

Jesus, Jesus. Holy and Anointed One, Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus. Risen and Exalted One, Jesus.

Your name is like honey on my lips. Your Spirit like water to my soul. Your Word is a lamp unto my feet. Jesus, I love You, I love You.

Like A River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, Over all victorious in its bright increase. Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day. Perfect yet it growet deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, Hearts are fully blest, Finding as He promised Perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, Never foe can follow, never traitor stand. Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, Not a blast of hurry touch the Spirit there.

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love. We may trust Him fully, all for us to do. They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

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Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow, There is beauty in our tears. And You meet us in our mourning With a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting, Sanctifying us; When beyond our understanding, You're teaching us to trust.

Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us; You're with us in the fire and the flood. Faithful forever, perfect in love; You are sov'reign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined, Who could understand Your ways, Reigning high above the heavens, Reaching down in endless grace.

You're the lifter of the lowly, Compassionate and kind, You surround, and You uphold me; And Your promises are my delight.

Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good, You turn it for our good And for Your glory.
Even in the valley You are faithful; You're working for our good, You're working for our good, And for Your glory.

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be." blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name." Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

We invite students, from preschool through graduate school, to come forward down the center aisle to receive a blessing. Please stay in the front after you receive your blessing for a brief prayer.

O Lord, you promise to be with us always. We pray today for the children and youth returning to school. Bless their going and their coming. Bless their learning and their play. Protect their hearts from fear and keep them safe. Give them good friends. We pray for the children and youth schooling at home. Be with them as they do their schoolwork. Help them to do their best, help them to not feel alone and give them patience with each other. Give them joy and remind them that you love them from head to toe.

Please speak out the names of children and youth you are praying for.

We pray for college and graduate students. Keep them healthy and keep them from harm. In all that they do and say, may they love you with their heart, mind, soul and strength, and may they love their neighbors as themselves, so that they might fulfill your purposes for them and your calling in their lives as students.

Please speak out the names of college and graduate students you are praying for.

We lift up all parents to you, O God. You who promise to guide us through

the wilderness and to protect us through the storm, we ask that you would make them wise where they cannot clearly see the way forward, make them brave where they feel afraid, make them strong in the face of their weakness, and make possible what to them seems impossible, so that they might joyfully entrust themselves and their children into your tender care in these trying and troubling times.

Please speak out the names of parents you are praying for.

O Lord, you who have called and equipped the teachers and support staff in our community, we pray for them today. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May you be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that you have entrusted to them and sense your care in these uncertain times.

Please speak out the names of teachers and support staff you are praying for.

You may be seated for announcements.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

End of the Summer Picnic: Join us after the service for the End of the Summer Picnic! Chipotle and plaetas will be provided. Hope you can join!

All-Church Retreat: Join us on Sunday, September 17 from 2-5 pm at PHCC for our annual All-Church Retreat! We'll spend the afternoon connecting with God in a variety of ways. This retreat is designed to be accessible to all ages, including children and youth; childcare will be provided for our littlest ones, children from kindergarten up will be guided through the retreat by adult volunteers, and youth can participate alongside adults. Please register at the link on the website so that we have enough materials, and let Pastor Sarah know if you have any questions.

Adult Confirmation Class: This fall, Savior is offering an adult confirmation class! This class is for anyone who is interested in being confirmed, which means making a public commitment to the church and receiving, through the laying on of hands by our bishop, a renewed gifting of the Holy Spirit. This class is also open to anyone who wants to dive a little deeper into the theology, history, and spiritual traditions of the Anglican church, even if you are already confirmed or unsure about confirmation. The class will meet for 10 sessions on Saturdays, from 3-4 pm at PHCC, beginning on September 16th. Contact Pastor Sarah for more information.

Outward Journey Small Group: Interested in exploring ways to love our neighbors as the Savior community? You're invited to join a short-term small group dedicated to serving those around us. Pastor Sarah will lead and host this group, which meets on alternate Thursday nights beginning on September 28th and ending on May 23rd. Contact Sarah for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Regular youth group meetings will restart September 9th. Future dates: September 23; October 7, 28 (please note the date has been changed from Ocotber 21st to the 28th.); November 4, 18; December 2.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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Finding Joy in Hard Situations: Learning from Philippians

August 19, Kevin Miller, Philippians 1:12-26, Finding Joy in Our Limits August 26, Becky Castle Miller, Philippians 2:19-21, 25-30; 4:4-7, Finding Peace in Worrisome Situations

September 2, Kevin Miller, Philippians 4:10-20, Finding Contentment in Scarcity

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