

**Welcome to Worship**  
**July 2, 2023**

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**Prelude**                      *Toccata Undecima: Adagio ~ Georg Muffat*

**Gathering Hymn**        *As We Gather At Your Table ~ ELW 522*

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading**              *Jeremiah 28:5-9*

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever <sup>l</sup> will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly <sup>l</sup> in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my <sup>l</sup> chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your <sup>l</sup> line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all <sup>l</sup> generations.'"**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the <sup>l</sup> festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light <sup>l</sup> of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily <sup>l</sup> in your name;  
they are jubilant <sup>l</sup> in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory<sup>l</sup> of their strength,  
and by your favor our might<sup>l</sup> is exalted.  
<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs<sup>l</sup> to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy<sup>l</sup> One of Israel.**

**Gospel**

Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

*[Jesus said to the twelve:] 40“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” This is the Good News!*

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**Hymn of the Day**

To Be Your Presence ~ ELW 546

**Musical Offering**

Preludes for piano: Andante con moto ~ George Gershwin

**Communion Hymn**

Build a Longer Table ~ ACS 1062

**Sending Hymn**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve ~ ELW 551

**Postlude**

In Babilone ~ Michael R. Lindsey