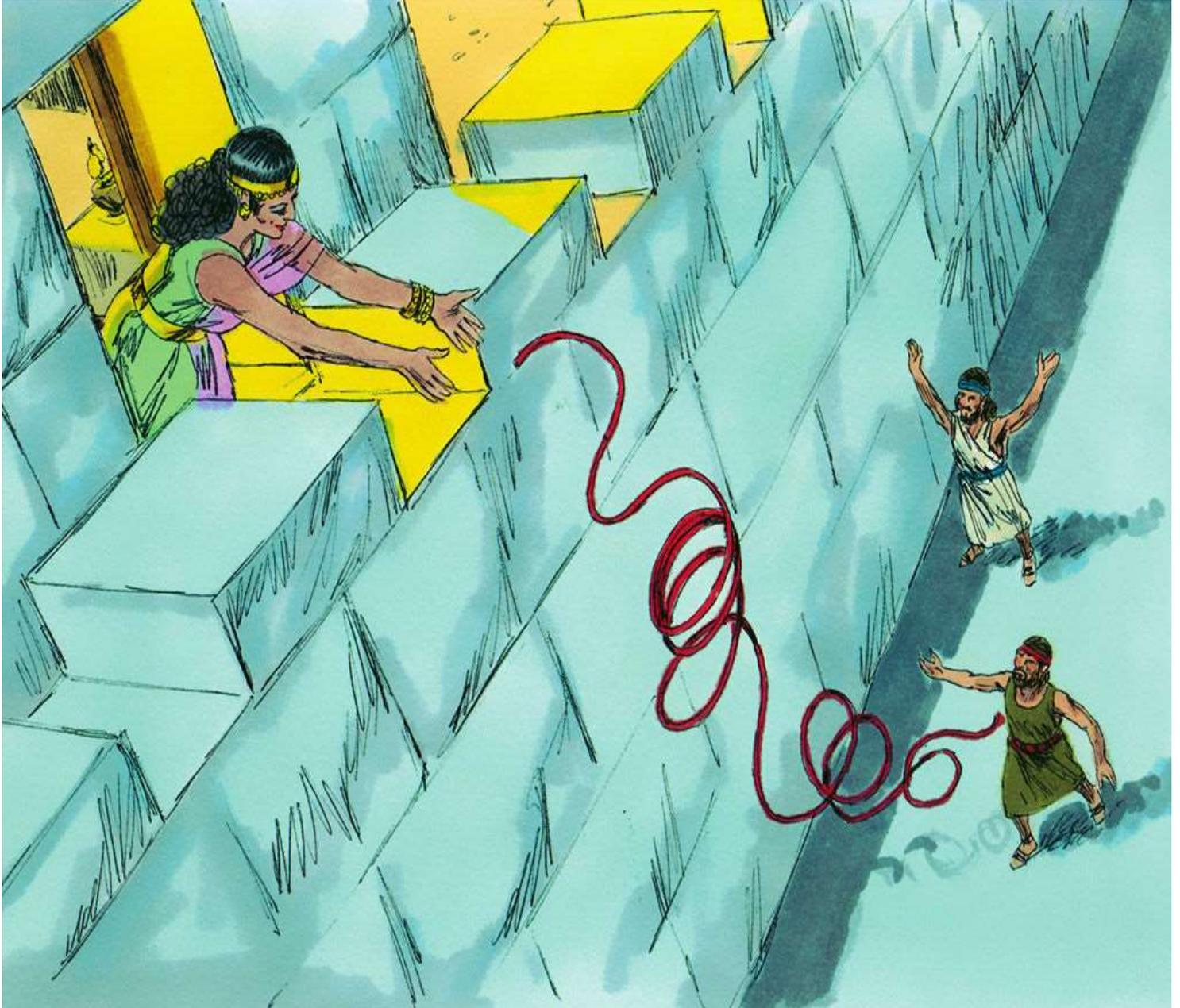


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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites after Moses' death. Joshua sent spies into Jericho, but they were discovered. The prostitute Rahab hid the spies and helped them escape because she had faith in God. God spared her life and her family because of her faith. God uses some of the most unlikely people to carry out His work and plan. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle (will be collected after offering).
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Paul Christensen
Elders: Howard Cox & Doug Wagner	Acolytes: Avery Hall & Johanna Jeschke	
Offering Counter: Quin Hanson	Greeters: Brenda Arnett & Jennifer Niemann	Trustee: Kerry Kensing

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" # 740

**I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM — Payson Hunter Clowdus

PROFESSION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and
was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in
Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives
you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I assure you that all of
your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Joshua 2:1-15*

¹ And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from." ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. ⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." ¹⁴ And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." ¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING — Acts 9:1-9

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE — page 205

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING — Matthew 4:18-25

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG — “Way Maker”

You are here moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You
You are here working in this place; I worship You, I worship You

Chorus: You are, Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, My God that is who you are Repeat

You are here touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You

You are here turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You Lord
Chorus x 2

Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working,
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working,
You never stop You never stop working
Repeat Bridge 2 times and Chorus x 2 and Tag x 2

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MESSAGE – *Rahab Helps the Spies!* – Joshua 2:1-15

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? _____

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS — (Give online at www.stjohnhamilton.org or text amount to 833-706-7586.)

HYMN — “We Give Thee But Thine Own” # 781

**We give Thee but Thine own,
whate’re the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
to Thee our firstfruits give!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG — “Lifesong”

**Verse 1: Empty hands held high, such small sacrifice;
If not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight**

**Pre-Chorus: May the words I say and the things I do,
Make my life-song sing, Bring a smile to You**

**Chorus: Let my lifesong sing to You, Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name to the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true, Let my lifesong sing to You**

**Verse 2: Lord I give my life, a living sacrifice,
To reach a world in need, to be Your hands and feet
Pre-Chorus and Chorus**

**Bridge: Hallelujah, hallelujah, Let my life-song sing to You
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Let my life-song sing to You
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Let my life-song sing to You
Chorus 2 times**

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