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Service of the Word

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WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS— ELW p.211

GREETING

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GATHERING HYMN OF PRAISE – ‘*Glory to God*’ ELW Service of the Word p. 213

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME -

PSALM 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is Yhwh!

Happy the people you choose as your own inheritance!

¹³**From the heavens you look forth, Yhwh, and see all of humankind.**

¹⁴From your dwelling place you watch over all the peoples of the earth.

¹⁵**You shape the hearts of them all and consider all their deeds.**

¹⁶A ruler isn’t saved by the size of an army; a warrior doesn’t escape because of strength.

¹⁷**Trust in the horse for your deliverance and you’ll be disappointed—
despite its might, it cannot save.**

¹⁸The eyes of Yhwh look on those who stand in reverence, on those who hope in God’s love

¹⁹**to rescue them from death, or to keep them alive during famine.**

²⁰And so we wait for Yhwh, our help and our shield.

²¹**For in you our hearts find joy; we trust in your holy Name.**

²²May your love be upon us, Yhwh, as we place all our hope in you.

READING: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 (Inclusive Bible Version)

¹Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for; faith is the proof of all that is unseen. ²Because of faith, our ancestors were approved by God. ³By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word from God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible. ⁸By faith, Sarah and Abraham obeyed when they were called, and went off to the place they were to receive as a heritage; they went forth, moreover, not knowing where they were going. ⁹By faith, Sarah and Abraham lived in the promised land as resident aliens, dwelling in tents with their children and grandchildren, who were heirs of the same promise— ¹⁰for they were looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God. ¹¹By faith, Sarah received the ability to conceive, even though she was past childbearing age, for she thought that the One who had made the promise was worthy of trust. ¹²As a result of this faith, there came forth from one woman and one man, themselves as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands of the seashore. ¹³All of them died in faith. They didn't obtain what had been promised, but saw and welcomed it from afar. By acknowledging themselves to be strangers and exiles on the earth, ¹⁴they showed that they were looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country from which they had come, they'd have been able to return to it. ¹⁶But they were searching for a better country, a heavenly one. So God isn't ashamed of them, or ashamed to be called their God. That's why God has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW Setting 8, p.188

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40 (Inclusive Bible Version)

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Abba to give you the kingdom. ³³“Sell what you own and give the money to poorer people. Make purses for yourselves that don't wear out—treasures that won't fail you, in heaven that thieves can't steal and moths can't destroy. ³⁴For wherever your treasure is, that's where your heart will be. ³⁵“Be dressed and ready, and keep your lamps lit. ³⁶Be like the household staff awaiting the owner's return from a wedding, so that when the owner arrives and knocks, you'll open the door without delay. ³⁷It will go well with those staff members whom the owner finds wide awake upon returning. I tell you the absolute truth, the owner will put on an apron, seat them at table and proceed to wait on them. ³⁸Should the owner happen to come at midnight, or before sunrise, and find them prepared, it will go well with them. ³⁹“Understand this: no homeowner who knew when a thief was coming would have let the thief break in! ⁴⁰So be on guard—the Promised One will come when least expected.”

SERMON – Pastor Rita Roste

SONG OF THE DAY: *‘Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning’* ACS 949

CREED – Iona community

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R, Dana R, Daryl A, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY – ‘We Are an Offering’ ELW 692

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER 27 –

**Loving God, in whom is heaven,
may Your name be honored everywhere.
May Your kin-dom come.
May the desire of Your heart for the world be done,
in us, by us and through us.
Give us the bread we need for each day.
Forgive us.
Enable us to forgive others.
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.
For You reign in the power that comes from love
which is Your glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG ‘Hope Everlasting’ LotB

**Oh, where do we go from here?
Whom do we follow, which path do we take?
We'll follow wherever You lead.
We'll follow Your heart's desire,
And seek to be Your peace for a world in need.**



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**Now, may the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace, by faith,
And may your hope everlasting, by the power of the Spirit, abound!**

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Sunday, August 17

Come celebrate the
ministry we have shared
with Pastor Prema

