

August 16-Written Service

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Special music- Robin Thompson

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has called us by name and filled us with His Spirit!

All: He grants us wisdom, understanding, and knowledge for His glory.

Leader: Whether we work with our hands, our voices, or our minds, all our skills are gifts from God.

All: He provides the ability to create, to teach, and to serve one another.

Leader: Let us bring our varied talents and a willing heart to the work of the church.

All: Let us use the gifts the Lord has given us to worship and honor Him today!

Song: We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation
and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.

You were Lord of the heaven
before there was time,
And Lord of all lords
You will be!

We bow down
and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down
and we worship You, Lord.

We bow down
and we worship You, Lord.
Lord of all lords
You will be!

You are King of creation
and King of my life.
King of the land
and the sea.

You were King
of the heaven
before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be!

We bow down
and we crown You the King.
We bow down
and we crown You the King.

We bow down
and we crown You the King.
King of all kings You will be!
You will be!

Prayer

Song: Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess,
bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You,
I fall apart.

You're the One
that guides my heart.
Lord, I need You,
oh I need You.

Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense,
my righteousness,
oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep,
Your grace is more.
Where grace is found,
is where You are.

Where You are,
Lord, I am free.

Holiness,
is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You,
oh I need You.

Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense,
my righteousness,
oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song
to rise to You
when temptations
come my way.

When I cannot stand,
I'll fall on You.
Jesus,
You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You,
oh I need You.

Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense,
my righteousness,
oh God, how I need You.

You're my one defense
my righteousness,
oh God, how I need You.

Announcements

Special music: Glory, Glory (God is Able) sung by Robin Thompson

Congregational Prayer

Song: #389- Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God,

fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God,
Wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God,
Wash over me.

Cleanse me, teach me,
hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God,
wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine,
cast out my fear.
Holy presence, love divine,
cast out my fear.

Shield me, free me,
call me, lead me.
Holy presence, love divine,
cast out my fear.

Offering/Offertory

Offering Song- Doxology

Offering Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture: Exodus 35: 30-35

³⁰Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the Lord has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³¹and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— ³²to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ³³to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. ³⁴And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. ³⁵He has filled them

with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

Message

Not about Minda

When we were looking ahead and talking about her final Sunday, Minda instructed us that we were not to make a big deal or do anything special

And we really tried to listen to her

So I want to tell you right from the start that today's message is not going to be about Minda

It will be about two men named Bezalel and Oholiab

Scripture-Exodus 35:30-35

3 lessons from Bezalel and Oholiab

1. Gifts/skills from God

Passage starts by highlighting all of the different skills and knowledge and abilities that Bezalel had

Important here is that all of those are traced back to God

Bezalel was an artist, an incredibly gifted one

But the art was *from* God

And it was used *for* God

So often we look at people with incredible gifts and we lift them up

We attribute it to something unique and special in them

But we shouldn't forget that these gifts are from God and for a purpose

God knew when Bezalel was born

Likely in captivity, in Egypt

That one day, the people would be free and they would build a tabernacle to worship God

In preparation for this, God gave Bezalel these gifts and nurtured them as he grew

2. Ability to teach others

Moreover they have the ability to teach others

Involving and growing others is even more important than just being able to do everything themselves

Because this job is bigger than they, even with all their gifts, could accomplish alone

Bringing others into the work God is doing

Investing in next generations, who will also grow up to develop the gifts God has given them

This is not a skill everyone has, but for Bezalel and Oholiab it was vital

3. Expanding set of skills, meeting needs as they arise

Here's what God has gifted them with

wisdom, understanding, knowledge, all kinds of skills—make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts

they're engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers

That is a crazy job description

Bezalel and Oholiab probably didn't start out doing all of these things

Might not have felt gifted or comfortable with all of it

But there was a gap and a need

During those times, they were willing, they trusted God
And they found that God continued to give them even more gifts than they knew they had
Their willingness to serve God resulted in God pouring out even more gifts on them
Because they continued to use them faithfully
Maybe this has been a little bit about Minda

Gifted by God, using those gifts to serve Him
Able to teach, inviting others in and helping them to develop the gifts God has given them
Willingness to serve and faithfulness to God results in even more gifts

To the one who has been faithful, even more will be given
But also lessons we can all learn from Bezalel, Oholiab, *and* Minda

So many gifts here
Kids message a few weeks ago I brought in some things made by people here at Peace
Crosses made out of cut and polished stones
A large, detailed cross made of metal that usually hangs in my office
Leading high schoolers on a retreat to Colorado
Running AV from week to week
Helping us communicate with one another
Teaching SS or Wed night (we'll be looking for volunteers soon)
Cookies

Welcoming and greeting people
Serving behind the scenes
Praying for others
Giving generously
Setting up and taking down tables
Mowing the lawn, and we have quite a lawn
May we all follow the examples of those who have served faithfully and well.

Song: #21- O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,2,3,5)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus, the name that calms my fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,

His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

Benediction

Postlude