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LWML SUNDAY
God-Given Hats: A Vocational Prayer Service
By Rev. Kristopher Whitby

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Statement

Our Lord graciously has called us to various stations in life. They are the "hats we wear" in His world. We are His children, baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection. We daily die to sin and rise as new creatures in Christ. Our Lord blesses us to take this amazing identity as His forgiven children into the vocations to which He has called us. We are members of our families, workers in the workplace, citizens, and members of our communities. Beyond our vocations, by His grace, we are members of the Bride of Christ - His Church, and members of the local gathering of the body of believers, the congregation.

Our Identity as a Baptized Child of God

The Hymn: #590, "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

Invocation
P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

The Theme Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-4
First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Narrative Image and Reflection: A Crown of Thorns

Confession: Psalm 51, prayed in unison (front section of hymnal)

Announcement of Grace

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

The Scriptures: Romans 6:1-5; Colossians 2:11-14
2 Corinthians 5:17

Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

The Vocation of Family

The Hymn: #862, "Oh, Blest the House"

Narrative Image and Reflection: A Baby's Bonnet

The Scriptures: Colossians 3:18-19; Proverbs 23:22-26
1 Timothy 5:3-4; Ephesians 6:1-4

Sunday School Song: "Shout to the Lord"
Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

The Vocation of Worker

The Hymn: #869, "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

Narrative Image and Reflection: A Construction Hard Hat

The Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:12-13; Ephesians 6:5-9

Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Vocation of Citizen

The Hymn: #717, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Narrative Image and Reflection: A Police Officer's Hat

The Scriptures: Matthew 22:21; 1 Peter 2:13-14
Titus 3:1; Luke 10:29-37

Prayer

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Our Identity as Members of the Bride of Christ, the Church

The Hymn: #644, "The Church's One Foundation"

Narrative Image and Reflection: A Crown of Glory

The Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26-27
Revelation 7:9-12

Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Brief Reflection: The Many Hats of a Priest 1 Peter 2:9

Offering

The Lord's Prayer (back cover of the hymnal)

The LWML League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all the we are and have, and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Onward then For Jesus" (Serve the Lord with Gladness) Tune: St. Gertrude

1)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own.

To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.

Onward, then for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

2)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command

To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land

So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.

Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

3)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy

Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.

As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice

Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude