

*gifts
from the
dark:
thunderstruck*



*If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on,
he must close his eyes and walk in the dark.*

--Saint John of the Cross

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
March 19, 2017 ❖ 9:00 a.m.
Celebrations ❖ Sanctuary
Third Sunday of Lent



WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH
inspire the world

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GATHERING MUSIC

Happiness
Disciples Plus & Tapestry

Bo & Bear Rhinehart

OPENING PRAYER

Rustin Comer

+ SONGS OF PRAISE

Revelation Song/Holy, Holy, Holy

(CHORUS) Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings, You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and, glory and power be, to You the only wise King (CHORUS)

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name
Oh Lord Your voice is power, breath and living water, Such a marv'lous mystery (CHORUS)

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Word Of God Speak

Bart Millard

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay,
The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

(Chorus Twice) Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty. To be still and know, that You're in this place,
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness, Word of God speak.

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay.

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+ RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR LENT

Hilary Flynn

Leader: For being too busy to be wonder-struck by Your work

People: Forgive and restore us, O God.

Leader: For filling the holes in our spirit with things that cannot truly feed us,

People: Forgive and restore us, O God.

Leader: For denying the world our best selves,

People: Forgive and restore us, O God.

+ SUNG RESPONSE

Nothing is Wasted

Jason Gray

Nothing is wasted. Nothing is wasted.

In the hands of our Redeemer, nothing is wasted.

+ ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hilary Flynn

Leader: Hear these words of assurance:

God is already making a wonder of us. We are a part of this awesome creation.

God is with us, forgiving and restoring us to wholeheartedness.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

Rustin Comer

CALL TO OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Jodie Nyberg & Christa Workmon

SONG OF DEVOTION

Word Of God Speak

Bart Millard

I'm finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet hear Your voice.

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain,
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OFFERTORY

Beautiful, Beautiful
Disciples Plus

Francesca Batistelli

Now there's a joy inside I can't contain, but even perfect days can end in rain.
And though it's pouring down, I see You through the clouds shining on my face.
Like sunlight burning at midnight making my life something so beautiful, beautiful.

+ DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Lindy Purdy

Leader: Please rise and join together in dedicating these gifts.

**All: O God of all generosity, help us to realize the blessing we have been given,
in being able to give. Accept our lives as well as our gifts. Let the spirit in
which we give them be Your spirit. Let the use that is made of them be
Your use. Amen.** (Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 37:2-5 & 1 Kings 19:11-13

Reid Shaw

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Word, Inc.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Gifts from the Dark: *THUNDERSTRUCK*

Rustin Comer

ANTHEM

Voice Of Truth Mark Hall & Steven Curtis Chapman
Tapestry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Lindy Purdy

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

+ SENDING SONG

Day By Day

Steven Schwartz fr. *Godspell*

Day by day, day by day, oh dear Lord, three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly. Day by day.

+ BENEDICTION

Rustin Comer

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to the table that is set for us by Jesus Christ. Following the service, all who wish to receive communion come forward by the center aisle and go to the transept on either side of the chancel for the bread and cup. Exit by way of a side aisle.

SENDING MUSIC

Tapestry Band

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

...The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service...



The Chancel Flowers are given by Jack & Lynne MacBean
in loving memory of Lynne's mother, Karen Ostbye.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. Rustin Comer
Liturgists	Rev. S. Lindy Purdy, Hilary Flynn (Seminary Intern)
Music	Tapestry & Disciples Plus
Deacon	Andy Jacobson
Chancel Guild	Jane Norris
Head Ushers	Jim Cada & Steve Beachler
Ushers	The Brad Alexander Team

MUSIC NOTES (Autumn Toussaint)

I was inspired this week by our Worship Leader, Adam Thompson, who posted a video describing his recent self discovery and journey into a new business venture.

In it he speaks of a yearning to do something important with his life--something that would help change the world for good. This new chapter in his life started during a year (or so) that was cloaked with darkness, yet full of "thunderstruck" moments. God was nudging, circumstances (and God-filled coincidences) aligned, and Adam said "yes" to following the path that will bring him into his fullest humanity.

As I listened to him describe the voices coaching him as to which direction to go, he referenced the One voice that rose above them all during our "Called" sermon series last spring. What I see in my friend are the telltale marks of being touched by divinity. And with that, he seeks to be a pebble that causes a ripple effect of good in our world.

In a crowded world with life's many distractions, may you find your own "aha" moments along this Lenten journey, and be reminded that the Voice of Truth will rise above it all, if you will listen.

But the Voice of Truth tells me a different story.

The Voice of Truth says, "Do not be afraid!"

The Voice of Truth says, "This is for My glory".

Out of all the voices calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe the Voice of Truth.