

Worship Supplement – October 12, 2025

Gathering Song - God of the Sparrow - ELW 740 (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)

1 God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Prayer of the Day -

All: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Ten years before the destruction of Jerusalem, many leaders of Judah were taken to Babylon. Jeremiah sends a letter to those exiles encouraging them, as they live in that strange place, to raise families and even to pray for the welfare of Babylon. God will restore them in due time.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Sermon - Disciples Make the Best of “Babylon” - Rev. Pamela Meilands

***Sermon Song - Come to the Water of Life**

Come to the Water of Life

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It features four measures of music, each containing a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, corresponding to the four measures of music. The first line of lyrics is: '1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for'. The second line is: '2 All who are thirst-y for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y for'. The third line is: '3 All who are thirst-y for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y for'. The fourth line is: '4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for'. The lyrics continue in the second system: 'love; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer - cy, touch; all who are thirst-y for touch, for heal - ing, truth; all who are thirst-y for truth, for beau - ty, peace; all who are thirst-y for peace, for jus - tice,'. The third system of lyrics is: 'come: come to the Wa - ter of life. come: come to the Wa - ter of life. come: come to the Wa - ter of life. come: come to the Wa - ter of life.'

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4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for

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***Sending Song - I'm So Glad - ELW 860**

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

2 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

3 Sent to serve the people, Jesus lifted me.
Sent to serve the people, Jesus lifted me.
Sent to serve the people, Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!