

I Believe

I believe for every drop of rain that falls
 A flower grows
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night
 A candle glows
I believe for everyone who goes astray,
 Someone will come
 To show the way
I believe, I believe

I believe above a storm the smallest prayer
 Can still be heard
I believe that someone in the great somewhere
 Hears every word

Everytime I hear a new born baby cry
 Or touch a leaf or see the sky
 Then I know why- I believe

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Written for Jane Froman, 1953

Written by: Ervin Drake, Irvan Graham, Jimmy Shirl, Al Stillman. Troubled by the outbreak of the Korean War in 1952 so soon after World War II Jane Froman asked Drake, Graham, Shirl and Stillman to compose a song that would offer hope and faith to the people.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Re-Dedication of Church Building

October 8, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

Welcome – Come on in and take a seat !

(at the door of the Nave the liturgist says:)

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit let these doors be open. *(please stand)*

People: Amen.

(the liturgist marks the threshold with the sign of the cross:)

Liturgist: ☩ Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

People: Amen.

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: I open the doors of this church for the preaching of the saving Word of God, for the celebration of his holy sacraments, and for offering God's glorious majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Liturgist: I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

People: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

Liturgist: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give away and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Liturgist: I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

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Liturgist: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Friends in Harmony

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 84:1-12

(My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.)

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! 2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. 3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah 9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! 10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12 O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 5:11-19

(The ministry of reconciliation.)

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Friends in Harmony & Harmony Belles

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:24-27

(please stand)

(Build Your House on the Rock)

24“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

(please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Beautiful Savior”

Harmony Belles

MESSAGE: “All Things New!”

Rev. Dr. Mark Dankis

Psalm 84:1-12 and 2nd Corinthians 5:17

RE-DEDICATION

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, your glory fills the whole earth. You cannot be contained in houses built by man. And yet we pray that you will be pleased to be with us here and to make known to us your glory so that through your Word and holy sacraments your name may be hallowed and we may be fed and nourished; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our prayers rise to the throne of God our Father through the intercession of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. We set apart and dedicate this Evangelical Lutheran Church – **Messiah Lutheran Church** and all that is in it to the glory, honor, and worship of God, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(the pastor goes to the baptismal font and says:)

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, your dear Son, our Savior, commanded that all should be baptized and receive through this washing the forgiveness of

sins, membership in his body, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the sure promise of eternal life. Grant that we who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ and have put on Christ may daily walk by faith in newness of life. Gather those who are here given new birth by water and the Spirit, together with all your people, to rejoice at the last in the final fulfillment of all your promises; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We set apart and dedicate this baptismal font to the glory of God, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(the pastor goes to the altar and says:)

Pastor: O God, you delighted in the praises of your faithful servants Abel, Noah and Abraham and accepted the sacrifices offered on their altars. Look upon us and graciously accept this altar and our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that the body and blood of Christ Jesus, once offered on the alter of the cross as the full and only atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world and given us here to eat and drink, will nourish and strengthen us until at last we gather about the heavenly banquet to feast with the Lamb and all his saints; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We set apart and dedicate this altar to the glory of God, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(the pastor goes to the lectern and says:)

Pastor: Lord, Jesus Christ, you stepped into Simon Peter's boat and, making it your lectern, taught the crowds. Richly bless us with your favor that from this place your saving and merciful Word may be proclaimed. As you blessed Peter with the draught of fish and called him to be a fisher of men, bless your Word here read and proclaimed that many may be brought to eternal salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We set apart and dedicate this lectern to the glory of God, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN: “Majesty” – Psalm 93

(sing twice)

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

INTRODUCTIONS & COMMENTS

PRAYER

(please stand)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(please be seated)

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Friends in Harmony & Harmony Belles

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

SERVING US THIS AFTERNOON

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Dankis

Liturgist: Rev. Steven Fick

Pianist: Nancy Knettel

Chorus: Artie Dolt & Friends in Harmony & Harmony Belles

*Elders: Mike Lang, Hal Eschenko, Roger Winkelmann,
Larry Risley, Bill Eichman, Allen Leitko*

Just a few of the many people who made this New Creation are:

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The hands and feet of Christ on earth . . . 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

So many of the members of Messiah Lutheran Church have spent so many hours in making this New Creation that we see today a possibility. The list of names would fill this entire page.

Whether you contributed your time packing up the church and moving down to the Family Life Center or moving back up the hill to the church building and unpacking the upstairs.

Maybe you were part of the group dealing with the Audio Visual project.

Maybe you were part of the Sunday Work Day – dusting, sweeping, mopping, racking leaves.

We wouldn't be in this place at this time today – re-dedicating this newly created church home!

Thank you ever so very much!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:11

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6: 32-35

³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.”

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I AM THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR

Revelation 22:16

¹⁶ “I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.”

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I AM THE ROOT AND OFFSPRING OF DAVID

Revelation 22:16 & Isaah 11:1

¹⁶ “I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.”

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

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I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

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I AM THE VINE

John 15:5

⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Donated by Harold & Shirley Moore and Larry & Kathy Rottman & The Sagebiel Family

I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

John 14:6

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

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I AM THE DOOR TO THE SHEEPFOLD

John 10:7 & 10:9

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture.

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I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

Revelation 1:8 & Revelation 21:6

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment.

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I AM THAT I AM

Exodus 3:14

¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

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I AM THE RESURRECTION

John 11:25

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”

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