

HOMECOMING 2021

A SERVICE OF SONG AND CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

10:30 AM

AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY

+GATHERING+

PRELUDE

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Babette Chatman
University Pastor

OPENING LITANY (adapted from Ann Aspen Wilson)

People of God,
look about and see the faces of those
we know and love –
neighbors and friends,
sisters, brothers, siblings –
a courageously curious community of kindred hearts.
Let us worship together.

People of God,
look about and see the faces
of those we hardly know –
strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,
the ones who need mercy and an outstretched hand.
Let us worship together.

People of God,
look about you and encounter all the images of God assembled here.
In me, in you, in each of us,
God's dwells richly within us.
Let us worship together.

People of God, come.
Let us worship together.

GATHERING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

+WORD+

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Paths of Mercy

Paul C. Pribbenow
Augsburg University President

SONG

Mercy Now

Mary Gauthier
Abigail Eck, cello; Destiny Utrecht, drum

PRAYERS

As we gather in prayer on this homecoming day, we do so trusting in the mercy of our God. May our hearts be open to the grace of Christ Jesus and our lives to the Spirit of love.

Sung refrain:

written by Andrea Sorum

“There is no future without peace
And no peace without grace
And no grace without mercy
And no mercy without love
There is no future without love.”

Merciful One, author of our past and promise of our future,
We lay before you our private fears and our concerns for the world,
Knowing that you hear our cries.
Especially today we from for those whom Jesus called blessed:
For the poor in spirit...
For those who mourn...
For the humble and meek...
For those who thirst and hunger for righteousness...
For those who walk the paths of mercy and those who make peace...

Sung refrain

We call to mind before you all who died:
those who taught us the faith...
those who spoke your truth in the face of evil...
those who cared for the weak and the suffering...
those who walked this campus and tended this community before us...
and all whom we loved and carry with us in our hearts...

Sung refrain

Receive these prayers in your tender mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our story and our song. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, remember us in your love and teach us to pray. Our Creator, our Mother,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

May the God of mercy,
the Christ of love,
and (+) the Spirit of power,
guard your going out and coming home
from this time forth and for evermore.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Faith Begins By Letting Go



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Embody mercy. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Andrea Sorum, Campus Ministry Musician

CAMPUS MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor Babette Chatman ‘06, University Pastor
Andrea Sorum, Campus Ministry Musician

MUSICIANS

Andrea Sorum, piano and organ; Abigail Eck, cello; Destiny Utrecht, cajon

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:30–11 a.m. Homecoming Chapel at the Foss Center's Hoversten Chapel

Join the Campus Ministry Office for a special Homecoming Chapel service before heading out to Murphy Square for the Taste of Augsburg! President Paul Pribbenow will preach as we gather together to be an Auggie community. Masks are required, and space will accommodate safe distancing. Coffee will be available. All are welcome! Register for Homecoming Chapel.

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Taste of Augsburg at Murphy Square

Bring the whole family and enjoy games and food booths featuring tasty treats by Augsburg Student Organizations. From AASA's amazing egg rolls to the Athletic Department's famous pork chop on a stick there is something for everyone! This is a great way to support Augsburg's student groups! To purchase items at the Taste of Augsburg you will need to purchase tickets at one of the designated booths. Each ticket equals \$1 and most food items are sold in a range of \$2-\$7. All sales on tickets are final and all funds go directly to the host organization/student group. Register for Taste of Augsburg.

12 p.m. Coronation of Homecoming royalty at Murphy Square

12:30–3:30 p.m. A-Club Watch Party at the Kennedy Center

To attend you must be a registered member of the A-Club (plus one guest) or a current member of an Augsburg Leadership Board (plus one guest) or you can purchase a ticket for \$10.00 paid at the door.

1–3:30 p.m. Homecoming Football Game at Edor Nelson Field vs. St. Olaf College