



“DO NOT BE AFRAID.  
IT IS I. COME...”

## 2018 Synod Assembly Worship Service for Lay Leaders

We invite pastors/worship planners to create a worship bulletin using their familiar Service of the Word format in local context along with Bishop Jon’s sermon, suggested hymns (others if desired) and prayer of the day.

### Service of the Word

Sunday, June 10, 2018

#### Opening Hymn

*Come, All You People #819 ELW*

#### Prayer of the Day:

O God, your son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the life of the world. Lead us by his love to serve all those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

#### Psalm 130

(responsively by whole verse)

#### Second Reading

2 Cor. 4:13-18

#### Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

#### Sermon

Bishop Jon V. Anderson

#### Hymn

*You Are Mine #581 ELW*

#### Creed

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#### Prayers of the People

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**Sending Hymn** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine#774 ELW*

#### Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
honor all people.  
Love and serve God,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People:

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*Rejoicing with all the witnesses of the resurrection, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world and all who are in need.*

*O God: We pray for all who gather today in your name in every land. Bless them in their worship that their faith and trust in you grow stronger and their service increase. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer***

*Your entire creation is a masterpiece, full of power and beauty. Help us treat this gift with respect and care. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer***

*You send us to make disciples of all nations. Draw us together in mission, so that we may share your good news of grace and love with our neighbors in Southwestern Minnesota and across your world. Deepen congregational vitality and guide our ministry of service and proclamation. Equip all the baptized to be disciples and to make disciples. Bless the ministry of our ELCA colleges, campus ministries, outdoor ministries, and all who do the holy work of equipping and growing faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer***

*Your will for the world is justice and peace. Fill all those in authority with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. Let your light shine in every dark and hurting corner of your world. Give us eyes to see the lost and the least among us, and give us voices to speak up for justice for those who are marginalized and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,*

*We pray for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit (especially) that relief might come and grief be quieted. For those who are afraid, give them courage and strength. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer***

*Here other prayers may be offered*

*In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.***

