

Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

Postlude

Kyle Mazur

Praise to the Lord arr. Kyle Mazur

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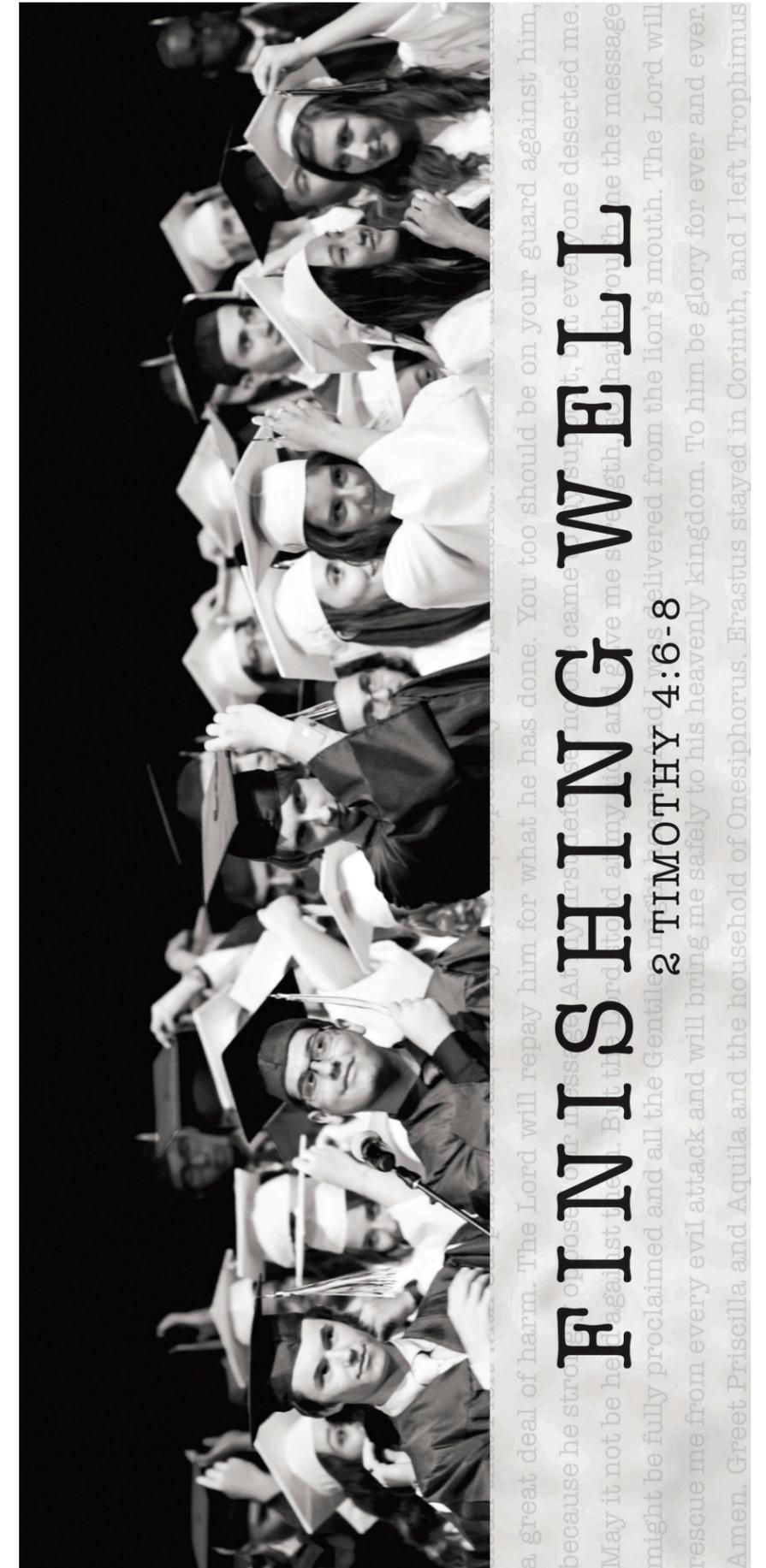
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Sunday, May 16, 2021
8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

GRADUATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Kyle Mazur
How Great Thou Art arr. Kyle Mazur

*Call to Worship (Proverbs 3:5-10) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all of your Heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

People: In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Leader: Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil.

People: This will bring health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.

Leader: Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.

All: Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

*Opening Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Hymn 108

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Litany of Blessing

Celebration of Graduates Andrew Johnson 8:30

Prayer for Graduates

Andrew Johnson 8:30

The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz 10:00

Leader: Gracious God, We praise you for our graduates.

People: We praise you for their parents, teachers and mentors who helped them.

Leader: We praise you because;
You are the One who gave them life;

People: You are the One who gave them strength;

Leader: You are the One who gave them intellect;

People: You are the One who gave them creativity;

Leader: You are the One who gave them imagination;

People: You are the One who gave them gifts and talents;

All: And you are the One who gave your Son to save them.

Leader: Lord, bless these graduates as they enter the next chapter of their lives.

People: Give them wisdom and discernment.

Leader: Give them courage to stand up for what is right.

People: Give them boldness, to speak your truth in love.

All: Give them faith and humility to follow you always.

We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
AMEN.

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

Leslie Fisher 8:30

Tari Heath 10:00

Offertory

Graduate Slide Show

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:1-9

Shelley Bondurant 8:30

Marge Cunningham 10:00

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Hymn 586

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Teach me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way!

Thy guiding grace afford--teach me thy way!

Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;

lead me with heavenly light, teach me thy way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!

When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!

In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,

in failure or success, teach me thy way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!

When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me thy way!

Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief and pain;

make now my pathway plain, teach me thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!

Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!

Until the race is run, until the journey's done,

until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

Video: A Conversation with Chloe Larson

Second Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

Finishing Well

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Hymn 532

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art--

thou my best thought, by day or by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou and thou only, first in my heart,

high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,

may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.