

Nurture Good News

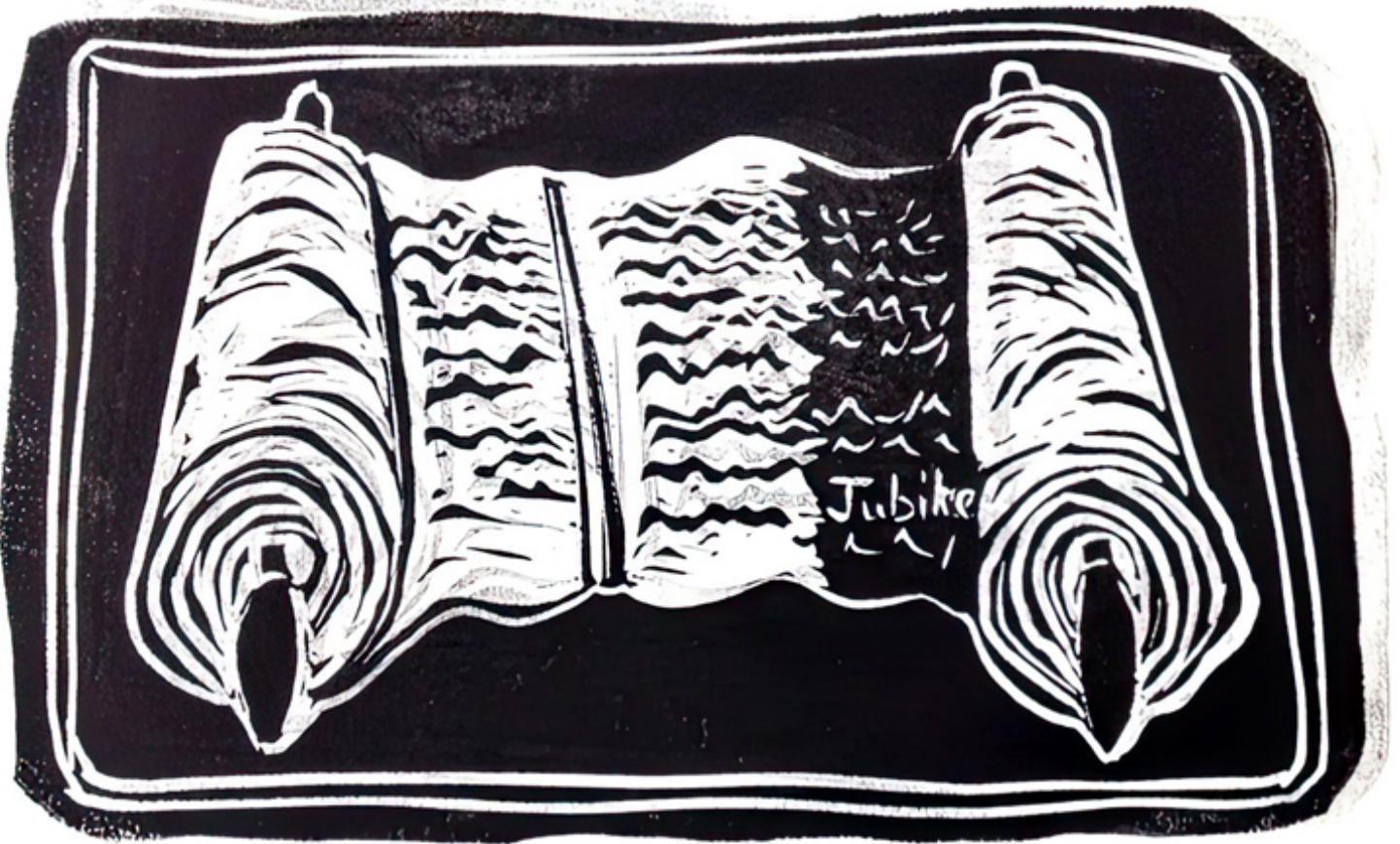
"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



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The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor.

~ Isaiah 61:1

~ **GATHERING TOGETHER** ~

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN E MINOR

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Isaiah 61:1; Philippians 1:7*)

...to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor.

For all of us share in God's grace.

***GATHERING**

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 19, from PSALMS OF WONDER*)

The skies tell God's glory all over the world.

By day they speak, by night they teach, without a word.

God's teaching is perfect:

it brings our souls back to life.

And we can trust God's word

to make wise the simple.

God's ways are fair

and make our hearts delight.

God shows us what to do

and fills our eyes with light.

God's justice is true,

and all God's laws are right.

They're better than the purest gold

or honey straight from the comb.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

THE MIGHTY GOD WITH POWER SPEAKS

GTG #13

by Michael Morgan

KINGSFOLD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD

Let us send our kids with God's love. **May God be with you there.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #579

Russian Orthodox Chant

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Philippians 1:6-7)*

For we all share in the grace of God:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 6:1-7

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

For all of us share in God's grace.

HYMN

YOUR LAW, O LORD, IS PERFECT

GTG #61

by Keith Landis CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 4:14-21

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S JUSTICE

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession at Belhar*)

We believe: that God wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe: that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

***HYMN**

THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH

GTG #747

by José Aguiar

ENVIADO

***BENEDICTION** (*from Philippians 1:7, 9, MSG*)

So this is my prayer:

that our love may flourish more and more.

POSTLUDE

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