

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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GREETING

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And, also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 116)

Pastor: I love the LORD who hears my requests for mercy.

Congregation: I will call out to the Lord as long as I live. The LORD listens!

Pastor: We wonder: What can we give back to the LORD for all the good done for us?

Congregation: I will lift up the cup of salvation!

Pastor: Let us call on the LORD's name and declare our covenant with the LORD.

Congregation: I will keep covenant. I will follow through on the promises I've made to the LORD. I make this vow in the presence of all God's people.

Pastor: We are the Lord's servants – freed from all chains and bonds.

Congregation: Let us offer then, a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the LORD's name.

All: Praise be to the LORD! I am redeemed!

HYMN

Redeemed (Weave)

Seems like all I can see was the struggle.....Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past.

Bound up in shackles of all my failures.....Wondering how long is this gonna' last?

Then You look at this prisoner and say to me, "Son!"

"Stop fighting a fight that's already been won!"

I am redeemed; You set me free!

So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!

I am redeemed.....I'm redeemed.

All my life I have been called unworthy.....Named by the voice of my shame and regret.

But when I hear You whisper, "Child, lift up your head!"

I remember oh God, You're not done with me yet!

I am redeemed; You set me free!

So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!

Because....I don't have to be, the old man inside of me

'cause his day is long dead and gone

Because...I've got a new name; a new life I'm not the same

and a hope that will carry me home!

I am redeemed; You set me free!

So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!

I am redeemed, You set me free!

So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!

Oh God, I'm not who I used to be.....Jesus, I'm not who I used to be!

'Cause I am redeemed.

Thank God, redeemed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

*All: O God, we have been redeemed by Christ.
Yet, we continue to sin.
We confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning;
the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong;
the selfishness that can see nothing but its own will;
the righteousness that knows no fault;
the callousness that has ceased to care;
the defiance that does not regret its own sins;
the evasion that always tries to make excuses;
the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent.
God, we are sinners; be merciful to us. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on Romans 5:1-8)

Pastor: Redeemed children of God, there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed us from the power of sin that leads to death. So be at peace. Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

HEBREW READING - Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

¹ Beswick, David. “Prayer of Confession: Pentecost 3, Year A, Ordinary 11” Uniting Church in Australia. www.beswick.info/rcresources/11A96OS.htm 30 May 2020

EPISTLE READING - Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9-23)

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹⁰Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION (Based on Psalm 116:1-2)

Pastor: The Psalmist writes: I love our God, who heard my cries and prayers! Let us offer our gifts to God at this time, to support the life and work of the people of God in our community, and around the world.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: Holy One, accept these gifts and multiply them so that the wonder of your love, and justice and peace may be known throughout the world! Amen.

HYMN

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? — Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you
 stare — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you
 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -
 found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my
 go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? —
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

BENEDICTION² (Based on I Peter 1:17-23)

Pastor: As you go from here, remember this:
you have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.
So live lives of reverence and awe,
trust in God,
love one another deeply,
and with all your heart.
For you have been born again - born anew - born from above,
through the living and enduring Word of God.

*All: I go in peace and courage,
to love God and my neighbor, as Christ loves me!*

² <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/04/scripture-resources-for-easter-3.html>

God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al. Carmines, 1973

C G C F G C

1. God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2. God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3. Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

E Am D7 G

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G C

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain
C F G C F C

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: C major (C-E-G), F major (F-A-C), C major (C-E-G), F major (F-A-C), and G major (G-B-D). The lyrics are: "In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise".

C F G

one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: C major (C-E-G), F major (F-A-C), C major (C-E-G), F major (F-A-C), and G major (G-B-D). The lyrics are: "one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,".

F C G7 C

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: F major (F-A-C), C major (C-E-G), G7 major (G-B-D-F), and C major (C-E-G). The lyrics are: "hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!".

How Great Thou Art

CARL BOBERG, 1859-1940

Trans. by STUART K. HINE, 1899-

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1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

* all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

Refrain

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the un - i - verse dis - played,
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze; Then sings my
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin; ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!