

A Sermon Study Series: The Bible in Chronological Order

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PREWORSHIP MUSIC

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Jacqueline Linsey, Piano

Ms. Jacqueline Linsey, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We come to worship this morning from different places.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Pastor: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Pastor: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Pastor: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Pastor: "Deny yourselves."

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Pastor: "Take up your cross."

All: O God, do not be far from us.

Pastor: "Follow me."

*All: O God,
we thank you for drawing near to us
in this place,
in our lives.
Amen.*

HYMN

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Hymnal, #318

PRAYER of CONFESSION¹

Pastor: Jesus calls us to deny ourselves.

*All: Yet we trust in our own works
rather than in God's grace.*

Pastor: Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross.

*All: Yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death,
we cling to what we know.*

Pastor: Jesus calls us to follow him.

*All: Yet we fear where faith will lead
and what it might change in our lives.*

Pastor: In this moment of silence,
we confess the sin that separates us
from one another and from God.

Silence for reflection & self-examination

¹ written by Daniel Flucke, pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene, Iowa. Posted on **Daniel Flucke**. <http://danielflucke.com/>

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: People of God, hear this good news.
God's covenant with us is true!
God is faithful even when we fail.
Through the Holy Spirit,
God gives us the gift of faith and makes us righteous.
Believe in the good news
that you are set free to live as children of God.
All: *Amen! Thanks, be to God!*

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 15-19

VIDEO

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:1-13

SERMON STUDY & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura C. Baker

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord is here.
All: *God's Spirit is with us.*
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: *We lift them to the Lord.*
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: *It is right and good to give God thanks and praise.*
Pastor: God of mercy and grace, in these forty days you lead us into a desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people again. Through fasting, prayer, and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your Holy Word, you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your inclusive love. As we prepare to celebrate Easter with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join the saints and angels, forever praising you and singing:

All sing:

SERAPHIC HYMN

#522

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.*

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying:
All: *"This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*
Pastor: In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to his friends, saying:
All: *"Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*
Pastor: Calling to mind, Jesus' death on the cross and his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world, and rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
All: *As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.*

Pastor: Bless therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts, and bless us that as we receive them, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. Amen.

All: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and blessed are those who are called to share in his supper. Amen.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be both a sacrifice of sin and also, an example of godly life: give us grace to thankfully follow in the footsteps of his holy life.

All: God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven and refreshed us with the cup of blessing. Sustain us as we go forward on our Lenten journey in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who walks with us, and taught us to pray, saying:

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION²

Pastor: God of the wilderness,
We give these offerings in gratitude,

All: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

Pastor: We give these offerings in faith,

All: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

Liturgist: We give these offerings in hope,

All: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

Liturgist: And with these offerings, we give ourselves.

All: May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

Liturgist: Please stand with me, to sing our final hymn together:

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let it Be

Hymnal, #253

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God,
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High,
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

² written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her **Spacious Faith** blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>