

Sunday, July 18, 2021

9:30 am Service



Our Vision:
Disciples Making Disciples

Our Mission:
Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

Theme of the Year
Come Follow Me *and* Come Learn From Me

WORSHIP VERSE

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

~ Jeremiah 29:11-13

WORSHIP QUOTES

- Real worship is that of the heart. ~Harry Ironside
- Mere talent does not give glory to God but a humble heart. ~Mac Canoza

PRESERVICE THOUGHTS

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Some people equate purity of heart with purity of motive, as if pure motives would bring this blessing Jesus speaks of. There is teaching in Scripture about pure motives, but there’s danger in this perspective alone. Take sincerity for instance. People may sincerely desire to honor God, their hearts totaly committed to a religious path; their motives are upright. There is no hypocrisy – and yet in light of Romans 10:2-3, they’re not under God’s blessing. The *pure in heart* are not blessed simply for having a pure heart, but rather they are open to the blessing that comes in the person (and work) of Jesus. Take Jesus out of the equation, and you take out the blessing also – regardless of how pure the heart’s motive. This is Pharisee Saul’s situation prior to conversion. He was sincere in his faith – but sincerely wrong, as Jesus made clear to him. Saul (later the Apostle Paul), saw this issue from both sides. Pure and well-meaning motives, zeal included, can be based on an errant message. Many of us know sincere religious people whose religion’s beliefs don’t line up with the Jesus of the Bible. Jesus Himself said: If you do not believe that I am he (who saves you from sin), you will indeed die in your sins (John 8:24).

PRESERVICE PRAYER

(originally written for opening of devotions):

Spirit of God, You are my primary teacher of God's Word;
I submit my heart and mind, my soul and spirit, my will and
imagination to You as I immerse myself in the Word during
these dedicated moments. Teach me in Jesus' name, Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" 814

O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th' oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

811

Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
With great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make His glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long.
Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.
I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.
I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.
I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.
I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

“Refiner’s Fire”

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver;
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus

*Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire
is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
I want to be holy, set apart for You, my Master,
ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleans me from within and make me holy;
Purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin deep within. *Chorus 2X*

Ready to do Your will.
Ready to do Your will.

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” (if needed)

813, v 1-5, 7

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

Yet on and onward still,
With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle
The hallowed pathways throng. *Refrain*

Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. *Refrain*

SHARING OF THE PEACE and INVOCATION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: We come in the name of the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. May we worship in spirit and in truth as
the Father seeks.**

OPENING HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

341, v 1,2,4,5

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!

Redeemer, come, and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Lord Jesus, I am under no delusion that I can
purify my own heart. I come with a heart of
repentance asking that You would purify me
from my sins. I come in obedience to Your call
to confess my sins - and I rejoice that through
You I am forgiven. Thank You for such grace.
And thank You for enabling it with Your very
life. Help me to follow You all of my days. In
Your name I pray, Amen.**

KYRIE *"Lord Have Mercy"* 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"* 915

Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us,
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

O all embracing Mercy,
O ever open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

But as the terebinth and oak
leave stumps when they are cut down,
so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.”

Reader: This is God’s story, the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24:1-10

The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.
They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:17-25

Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

COME FOLLOW ME: DISCIPLESHIP POINT

Reader: *In dealing with the connection between pure hearts and repentance before the Lord, we turn to the second of three key components in the life of a disciple, taken from Hope’s ABC’s of discipleship: YIELDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. In seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus, there are three crucial components God uses to bring about spiritual growth: His Word, His Spirit, and His people.*

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would remind His disciples of what He taught; that Spirit helps us too. Today we use the original closing prayer for IMMERSION devotions that remind us to yield or submit to the Holy Spirit in both these devotions and in life itself.

DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Reader: Join me in sharing this prayer generally used at the close of devotions:

People: Spirit of God, I pray that You use this time of devotion to shape and influence my thoughts and emotions as well as my actions and attitudes throughout the day. May all who encounter me also encounter You in me. Again, I yield my heart and mind, my soul and spirit, my will and imagination to You as I immerse myself in the rest of this day to God's Glory; In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:53-58

When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home." And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

READING FROM JESUS' SERMON

Matthew 5:8

Pastor: God's Word from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

People: Holy Spirit, remind us of what Jesus taught.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: May we hear it and do it.

MESSAGE

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PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST and OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* 955

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: (after each petition) Lord, in Your mercy...
People: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has
taught us:

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

PREFACE (chanted)

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Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
[*Psalm 136*]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at
all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy
Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we
praise You for Jesus, Your only-begotten Son, by
whose sacrifice and authority we are welcome into
Your presence. Accept our thanksgiving by our
presence and participation in this holy sacrament.
Therefore with angels and archangels and with all
the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your
glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

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Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Sacred Heart, Now Wounded”

449, v 4

Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *“Thank the Lord”*

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell ev’ry one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

HOPE PRAYER BOX(ES)

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (taken from Scripture)

Pastor: Let’s remind ourselves who we are in Christ Jesus:

- **I declare with my mouth that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead; and so in Christ, I am saved.**
- **In Christ, I have been shown mercy by God and will seek to let mercy triumph over judgment as I relate with others.**
- **In Christ I have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God without blemish or defect.**

BENEDICTION FOR THE WEEK

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

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Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Summer Tidy Up (Cleanup Day) August 7
- Blood Drive August 1
- Where's Flat Jesus?

EXIT INVOCATION

Pastor: We are a discipleship-oriented church.
As disciples of Jesus, let's follow in His path of
loving and serving.

People: **In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit; Amen!**

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