

Sunday, October 24, 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

PRESERVICE THOUGHTS: Disciples Experience God Through Prayer with a Heart of Forgiveness

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
~ *Jesus on the cross, Luke 23:34*

Lord do not hold this sin against them.
~ *Stephen at his stoning, Acts 7:60*

While Jesus has encouraged us to forgive those who sin against us (and is a great example himself on the cross), we have a second powerful example in the first martyr Stephen. While he was put to death by stoning, he prayed *Lord Jesus, receive my spirit*. Then, falling to his knees, he cried out, *Lord, do not hold this sin against them*. When he had said this, he died. Here is a man who, like Jesus, prayed with and for a heart of forgiveness. And who was experiencing this prayer first-hand? A persecutor of Christ-followers named Saul who would later become the Apostle Paul – blessed with his own Christ-filled heart of forgiveness.

WORSHIP VERSE

Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! ~ *1 Chronicles 16:29*

WORSHIP QUOTE

Our true worship says to him that we understand we have been purchased with his son's blood. ~ *Jacob Toback*

PRESERVICE PRAYER

Father God, in this moment it is my desire to be a person of forgiveness. Let this moment be like yeast to the rest of my day the rest of my week yes even the rest of my life that I am a person of forgiveness regardless of who is around me and what has been done to me. In this way I will be like Jesus who has forgiven me. In His name I pray, Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Chorus

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
and like a flood His mercy reigns;
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. *Chorus 2X*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine; will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

PSALM 139:13-18

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

“Word of God Speak”

Millard / Kipley

I'm finding myself at a loss for words,
and the funny thing is, it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard,
but to hear what You would say.

Chorus

*Word of God speak. Would You pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see Your Majesty?
To be still and know that You're in this place,
please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
Word of God speak.*

I'm finding myself in the midst of You,
beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with You
and in the quiet hear Your voice. *Chorus 2X*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words,
and the funny thing is, it's okay.

“For Who You Are”

Sampson

Standing here in Your presence,
thinking of the good things You have done,
Waiting here, patiently,
just to hear Your still small voice again.
Holy, righteous, faithful ‘til the end.
Savior, Healer, Redeemer and Friend.

Chorus

*I will worship You for who You are.
I will worship You for who You are.
I will worship You for who You are. Jesus.*

Instrumental

Bridge

My soul secure, Your promise sure,
Your love endures always.
My soul secure, Your promise sure,
Your love endures always. *Chorus 3X*

“Only By Grace” (If needed)

Gustafson

Verse

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand,
not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come.
Into Your presence, You draw us
and now by Your grace we come,
now by Your grace we come.

Chorus

*Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb. Repeat, Verse*

Now by Your grace we come,
now by Your grace we come.

WELCOME and SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVOCATION

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 SONG “Meet With Me”

Hiebert

Verse

I'm here to meet with You, come and meet with me.
I'm here to find You, reveal Yourself to me.

Chorus

*As I wait, You make me strong;
as I long, You draw me to Your arms.
As I stand and sing Your praise,
You come, You come and You fill this place.
Won't You come, won't You come and fill this place?
Verse, Chorus 2X*

Lord come, Lord come and fill this place.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who
could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore
You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION *"Lord, Have Mercy"* Merkel
(re-written with confessional verses)

I come into Your presence Lord,
Your child and Your ser - vant,
bringing a repentant heart and sorrow for my sin;
Though I claim to love You Lord,
it's not been with my whole heart,
Haven't loved my neighbor as I love myself.

Chorus

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mer- cy,
Lord have mer- cy on me;
Lord have mercy, Christ have mer- cy,
Lord have mer- cy o - on me.*

You know more than I do God,
the depth of my offens - es,
Sins of thought, of word, and deed,
both done and left undone;
Now in faith I cry to You,
re - membering my Sav - ior.
On account of Jesus' blood,
forgive me once again. *Chorus*

I have longed to know You and Your tender mer - cies,
Like a river of forgiveness ever-flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You
in the goodness of Your pres - ence,
Your grace forever shining
like a beacon in the night. *Chorus 2X*

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declare us to be Your children and gather us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: My friends, rejoice! In Christ we are
Father God's beloved children,

People: rescued, redeemed, and renewed.

Pastor: And precious in His sight.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK adapted from Acts 7:59-60

Pastor: From Acts 7 comes a story of the first martyr in the New Testament — and sets the tone for today's theme on forgiving others: While being stoned to death, Stephen prayed: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Then, falling on his knees, he cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lord Jesus, forgiveness is such a tender subject, filled of pain and frustration, disappointment and disillusionment. Yet you call us to forgive others as you forgave us. This can only be done with your help; As you have worked forgiveness in me,

People: So also work forgiveness through me.

Pastor: Where healing is needed,

People: Provide us with the help of Your Holy Spirit, the Counselor.

Pastor: Where grief is prevalent,

People: Provide us with the help of Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Pastor: Where forgiving is hard,

People: Provide us with the help of Your Holy Spirit, the Teacher.

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray;

People: Amen.

CALL TO LISTEN "O Come O Come Emmanuel" 357, v 2

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRESCHOOL SINGING (video)

The Butterfly Song
God Made Me

DISCIPLESHIP POINT

Reader: **From Luther's Catechism, Explanation of the Lord's Prayer:** Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. *What does this mean?* We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we surely sin much and truly deserve nothing but punishment. So too we will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Don't lose sight of these words – in this moment of devoting with God – in light of another of Jesus' teachings: If you love me you will obey what I command.

DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Reader: Join me in praying:

People: Father, forgive me my trespasses as I forgive those who trespass against me. Forgive me my debts as I forgive my debtors. Forgive me my sins as I forgive those who have sinned against to me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

READING FROM JESUS' SERMON **Matthew 6:14-15**

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

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

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: May we be hearers and doers of the Word.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in.

'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul vonWerder

PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST and OFFERING

STEWARDSHIP HOUR

OFFERING SONG *"Draw Me Nearer"*

Sheets

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Your voice
and it told Your love to me; but I long to rise
in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Chorus

*Draw me nearer to the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer to Your precious bleeding side.
Draw me nearer. Draw me nearer.*

Consecrate me now to Your service, Lord,
by the pow'r of grace divine.

Let my soul look up with a steady hope,
and my will be lost in Thine. *Chorus, Instrumental*

There are depths of love that I cannot know.
'til I cross the narrow sea.

There are heights of joy that I may not reach
'til I rest in peace with Thee. *Chorus*

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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...

**Father, forgive me my trespasses as I forgive
those who trespass against me. Forgive me my
debts as I forgive my debtors. Forgive me my
sins as I forgive those who have sinned against
to me.**

**And 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

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Come to the Table / Remember Me" Cloninger / Nystrom

Verse Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come and your souls will be fed.

Chorus *Come at the Lord's invitation,
receive from His nail scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation,
drink of the blood of the Lamb.*

Repeat Verse and Chorus

Verse 1 On the night You were betrayed
You took the bread; After giving thanks,
You broke it and said,

Chorus 1 *"This is My body, broken for you,
and as you eat it, remember Me;
"This is My body, broken for you,
and as you eat it, remember Me."*

Verse 2 On the night You were betrayed
You held the cup;
After giving thanks, You lifted it up.

Chorus 2 *"This is my blood, poured out for you,
and as you drink it, remember Me.
This is my blood, poured out for you,
and as you drink it, remember Me."*

Verse 3 So, we thank You for the wine and for the bread;
for we see the life You gave
and the blood You shed.

Chorus 3 *And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood;
And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

HOPE PRAYER BOX(ES)

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (taken from Scripture)

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

- **In Christ, I am an adopted child of the Heavenly Father and the (w)hole of my heart is known fully to Him.**
- **In Christ, I am a child of the Heavenly Father, the Divine Dad, the Almighty Abba, my Powerful Papa.**
- **In Christ I am forgiven by my heavenly Father and choose to forgive other people when they sin against me.**

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 SONG

"The Lord's Prayer"

Shepherdson

Father in heaven, all praise be to Your name.
Father in heaven, all praise be to Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done
on the earth as it is in heaven.

Chorus

*Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the power.
Yours is the glory forever and ever.
Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the power.
Yours is the glory forever and ever, amen.*

Father in heaven, all praise be to Your name.
Father in heaven, all praise be to Your name.
Give us today, our daily bread,
and forgive us, Lord, as we forgive. *Chorus*

Instrumental

Lead us not into temptation, but from evil,
Lord, set us free. *Chorus*

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hard After Thee 63 Celebration after the service today.
- We are looking for participants for our Trunk or Treat event, and volunteers for the activities on Oct. 30.

Details for volunteers are on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

- Potluck sign-up for Sunday, October 31 is in Fellowship Hall.

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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