

A Home for Every Heart

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Thank you for growing in Christ with us today at St. Matthew! If you are attending in-person, please note that in addition to other basic health protocols, facial coverings are now required in enclosed spaces, including the church building. If you are participating from your vehicle, please tune your radio to 93.5 FM. If you are joining us on Facebook, welcome!

Our journey through the book of Romans brings us to the clear Gospel and missional messages of Romans 10:5-17. Today's sermon theme is "Beautiful Feet." Christ's blessings to you today as you take in His Word!

#### Welcome & Introduction to Today's Service

#### We Sing: "Pass It On"

- 1 It only takes a spark
  To get a fire going
  And soon all those around
  Can warm up in its glowing
  That's how it is with God's love
  Once you've experienced it
  You spread His love to ev'ryone
  You want to pass it on
- What a wondrous time is spring
  When all the trees are budding
  The birds begin to sing
  The flowers start their blooming
  That's how it is with God's love
  Once you've experienced it
  You want to sing it's fresh like spring
  You want to pass it on
- 3 I wish for you my friend
  This happiness that I've found
  You can depend on Him
  It matters not where you're bound
  I'll shout it from the mountain top
  I want my world to know
  The Lord of love has come to me
  I want to pass it on

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# We Sing: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus name above all names
 Beautiful Savior glorious Lord

Emmanuel God is with us Blessed Redeemer living Word

- Verse 2
   Jesus loving Shepherd
   Vine of the branches Son of God
   Prince of Peace Wonderful Counselor
   Lord of the universe Light of the world
- 3 Verse 3
  Praise him Lord above all lords
  King above all kings God's only Son
  The Prince of Peace who by his Spirit
  Comes to live in us Master and Friend

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#### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

- P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.
- We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Opening Psalm: Psalm 18:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I love you,

O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup>The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;

<sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. <sup>6</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

## Prayer of the Day

- P Have mercy on Your people, Lord.
- C Have mercy, Christ, our King.
- P Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;
- C Accept the Prayers we bring.
- P Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### Children's Message

## We Sing: "There is a Redeemer"

1 There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus
Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

- Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
   Precious Lamb of God Messiah
   O for sinners slain
- When I stand in glory I will see His face
  There I'll serve my King forever
  In that holy place

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#### Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4-18 (God teaches Job about His Lordship over creation.)

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? <sup>12</sup>"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal. and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

## Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-17 (Faith comes from hearing the Gospel.)

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 (Jesus walks on the sea of Galilee.)

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

#### We Sing: "How Beautiful"

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross

How beautiful how beautiful How beautiful is the body of Christ

2 How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise

How beautiful how beautiful How beautiful is the body of Christ

- 3 And as He laid down His life
  We offer this sacrifice
  That we will live just as He died
  Willing to pay the price
  Willing to pay the price
- How beautiful the radiant Bride
  Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes
  How beautiful when humble hearts give
  The fruit of pure lives so that others may live

How beautiful how beautiful How beautiful is the body of Christ

5 How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth

How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ
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Sermon: "Beautiful Feet" (Romans 10:5-17)

# Apostles' Creed

C 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.

#### Prayer for our Neighbors & Ourselves

#### Lord's Prayer

C 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;
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.

#### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

## We Sing: "O Church Arise"

- O church arise and put your armour on
  Hear the call of Christ our Captain
  For now the weak can say that they are strong
  In the strength that God has given
  With shield of faith and belt of truth
  We'll stand against the devil's lies
  An army bold whose battle cry is Love
  Reaching out to those in darkness
- Our call to war to love the captive soul
  But to rage against the captor
  And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
  We will fight with faith and valour
  When faced with trials on every side

We know the outcome is secure And Christ will have the prize for which He died An inheritance of nations

- 3 Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
  As the Son of God is stricken
  Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
  For the Conqueror has risen
  And as the stone is rolled away
  And Christ emerges from the grave
  This victory march continues till the day
  Every eye and heart shall see Him
- 4 So Spirit come put strength in every stride
  Give grace for every hurdle
  That we may run with faith to win the prize
  Of a servant good and faithful
  As saints of old still line the way
  Retelling triumphs of His grace
  We hear their calls and hunger for the day
  When with Christ we stand in glory

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#### Sending

- P Go in peace to grow in Christ.
- C Thanks be to God!

#### Offering

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