

Sunday, June 13, 2021 Rev. Kory Janneke, Pastor

As We Gather

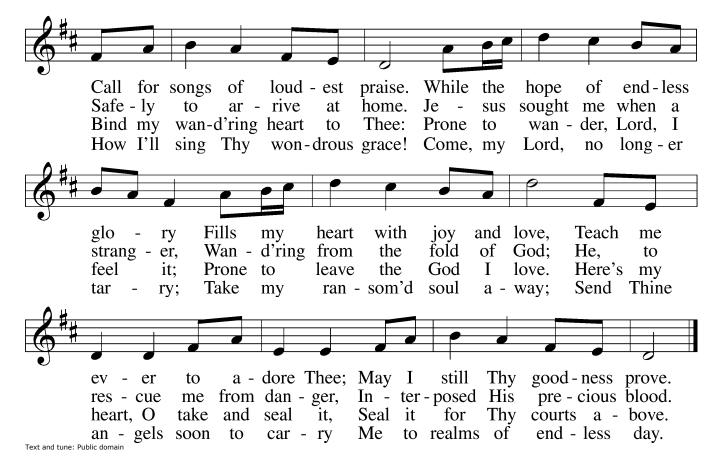
Good Morning and Welcome to St. Matthew! We're glad you're here to worship the Lord with us this morning. Today's theme is drawn from God's Word in 2 Corinthians 5:1-17. There, St. Paul teaches Christians about a new way of seeing. Christ's sacrifice for us all on the cross and the new life that He gives believers through His resurrection can especially change the way we view other people, as Pastor Kory will share in the sermon.

For Our Guests: Thank you for visiting St. Matthew! Please let Pastor know if you have any prayer requests or questions today. Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall (to the right as you exit the sanctuary). A cry room is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. This service is streamed to both spaces. Thank you again for your presence in God's house and may the Lord bless you this week with renewed vision for your faith and life through His Word!

We Greet One Another







Invocation

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

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1

¹Blessèd is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree

planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

- P Holy and gracious God,
- I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

We Sing: "Before the Throne of God Above"

- I have a strong and perfect plea
 A great High Priest whose name is Love
 Who ever lives and pleads for me
 My name is graven on His hands
 My name is written on His heart
 I know that while in heav'n He stands
 No tongue can bid me thence depart
 No tongue can bid me thence depart
- 2 When Satan tempts me to despair
 And tells me of the guilt within
 Upward I look and see Him there
 Who made an end to all my sin
 Because the sinless Savior died
 My sinful soul is counted free
 For God the Just is satisfied
 To look on Him and pardon me
 To look on Him and pardon me
- 3 Behold Him there the risen Lamb
 My perfect spotless righteousness
 The great unchangeable I Am
 The King of glory and of grace
 One with Himself I cannot die
 My soul is purchased with His blood
 My life is hid with Christ on high

With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

4 I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love
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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17 (Christ's love controls us.)

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34 (The parable of the mustard seed.)

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.

²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

We Confess Our Christian Faith: The 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,

Children's Message

We Sing: "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.

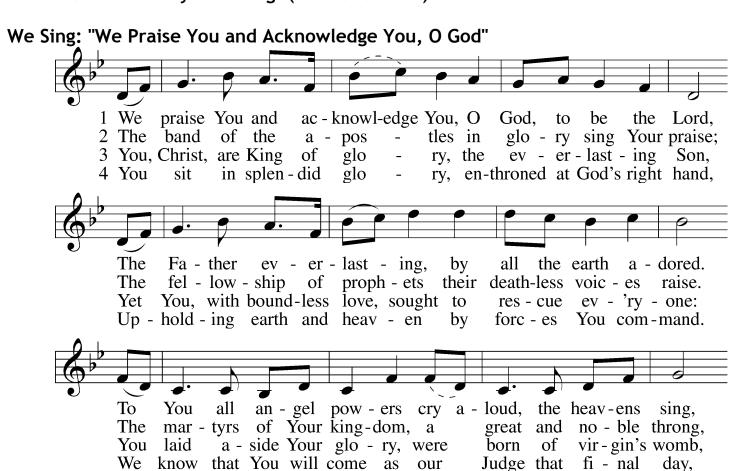
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

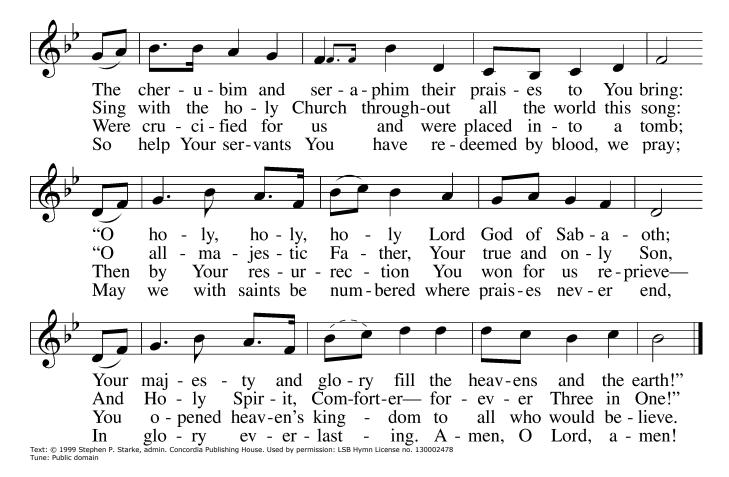
Thou my best thought in the day and the night; Waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

- 2 Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Thou my whole armor and thou my true might; Thou my soul's shelter and thou my strong tower. Raise thou me heavenward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and thou only the first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- High King of heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach heaven's joys,
 O bright heaven's Sun.
 Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall.
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sermon: "A New Way of Seeing" (2 Cor. 5:14-17)





Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

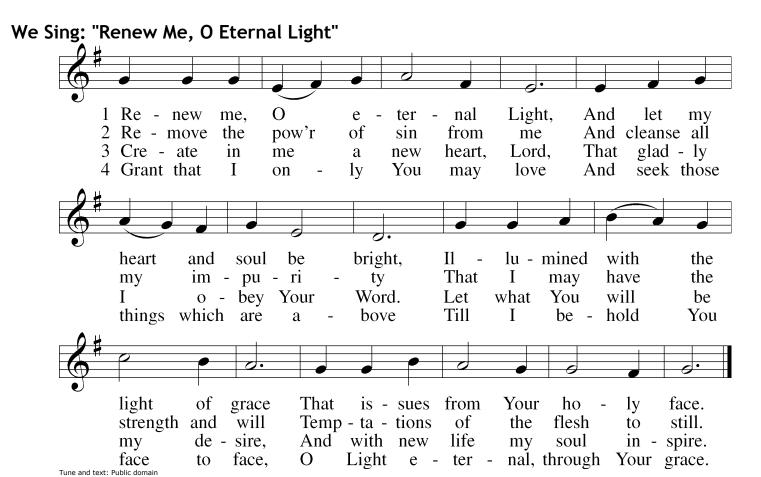
Closing Prayer

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.



Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Offering

(Offering baskets are placed at the back of the sanctuary. You also have the option of giving through ACH or through E-giving – please see our church website "Giving" tab for details. Thank you for supporting the Lord's ministry at St. Matthew!)

Takeaway For Today:

In Christ, we can see other people in a new light.

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