

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11 May 2014

As we move into Luke 19, themes of stewardship, fruitfulness and the eternal work of Christ are all part of this passage. We begin with the **Call to Worship** from **Psalm 116** and the grace and mercy of the Lord to whom our souls return in rest but also to whom we fulfill our vows and obligations. The opening hymn, **Now Unto Jehovah (Psalm 29)**, reminds us of our privilege to bring to the Lord glory and honor even as we recognize His continued sustaining and governing of His creation. **Psalm 135: Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim**, speaks of our service to our great God.

Genesis 2 & Ephesians 2 both address the issue of work and responsibility. The **Confession of Sin** from **Jeremiah 17** confronts our proclivity to trust in our own strength instead of truly being fruitful by trusting in the Lord.

The **Communion Hymns, Rock of Ages** and **Not What My Hands Have Done** direct us to the finished work of Christ as the only source and substance of our salvation. We conclude with **All for Jesus** as a prayer that all we do would be in service to the King of kings.

—Greg Wilbur

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I

I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 116:1-2, 5-9, 12-14

Pastor: I love the LORD, because he has heard our voice and our pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to us, therefore we will call on him as long as we live.

All: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Pastor: The LORD preserves the simple; when we were brought low, he saved us.

All: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Pastor: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

All: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Pastor: What shall we render to the LORD for all his benefits to us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

Pastor: We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 29: Now Unto Jehovah



Now un - to Je - ho - vah, ye sons of the might - y, All glor - y and strength



and do - min - ion ac - cord; As - cribe to Him glor - y, and ren - der Him



hon - or. In beau - ty of ho - li - ness, wor - ship the Lord.

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Each



voice of Je - ho - vah comes down on the wa - ters; In thun - der the God
voice of Je - ho - vah is might - y, is might - y; The voice of Je - ho -
one in His tem - ple His glor - y pro - claim - eth. He sat on the flood;



of the glor - y draws nigh; Lo, o - ver the waves of the wide - flow - ing
vah in ma - jest - y speaks; The voice of Je - ho - vah the ce - dars is
He is King on His throne. Je - ho - vah all strength to His peo - ple im -



wa - ters Je - ho - vah as King is en - thron - èd on high!
break - ing; Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of Leb - a - non breaks.
part - eth; Je - ho - vah with peace ev - er bless - eth His own.

Text: Verse 1, *The Psalter*, 1912, Verses 2-4, *Book of Psalms*, 1871; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2009. Used by permission.

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 135: Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim



Ex - alt the Lord, His praise pro - claim; All ye His serv - ants, praise His
 I know the Lord is high in state, A - bove all gods our Lord is
 Ex - alt the Lord, His praise pro - claim; All ye His ser - vants, praise His



Name, Who in the Lord's house ev - er stand And hum - bly
 great; The Lord per - forms what He de - crees, In heaven and
 Name, Who in the Lord's house ev - er stand And hum - bly



serve at His com - mand. The Lord is good, His praise pro -
 earth, in depths and seas. He makes the va - pors to as -
 serve at His com - mand, For - ev - er praise and bless His



claim; Since it is pleas - ant, praise His Name; His peo - ple
 cend In clouds from earth's re - mo - test end; The light - nings
 Name, And in the church His praise pro - claim; In Zi - on



for His own He takes And His pe - cul - iar trea - sure makes.
 flash at His com - mand, He holds the tem - pest in His hand.
 is His dwell - ing place; Praise ye the Lord, show forth His grace.

Text: Psalm 135, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: TREE OF LIFE, Traditional Shaker Tune.

(Please be seated)

Old and New Testament Readings—Genesis 1:26-28 & Ephesians 2:8-10

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;
 male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Jeremiah 17:5-10, 13-14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick,
who can understand it?

All: LORD, search our hearts and test our minds.

Pastor: Too often we trust in man and try to find strength in our own flesh. You tell us that that is
like dwelling in the parched places of the wilderness or a desolate salt land.

All: Our hearts have turned away from You, O LORD.

Pastor: But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD.
He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream.

**All: Because we seek after our own strength instead of living by Your stream,
our leaves wither, we worry in the year of drought, and we cease to bear fruit.**

Pastor: O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be put to shame;
those who turn away from You shall be written in the earth,

All: for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

Pastor: Heal us, O LORD, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved,
for You are our praise.

Sung Response—Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

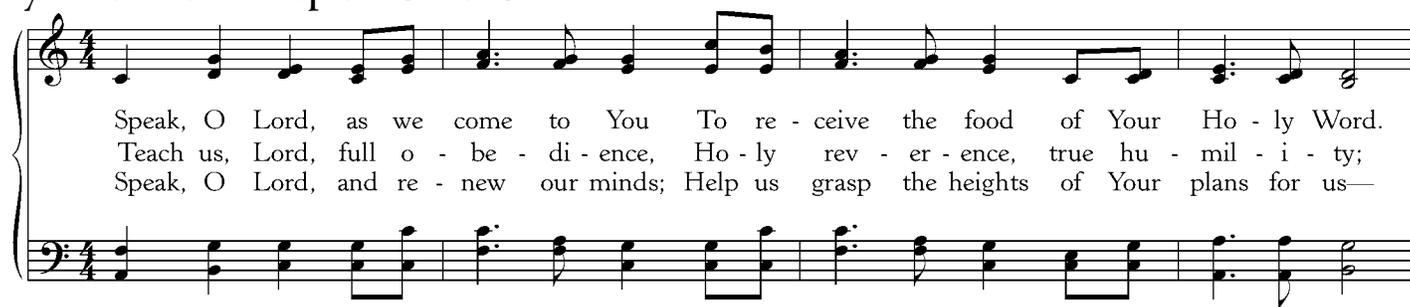
Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Psalms 32:1-2

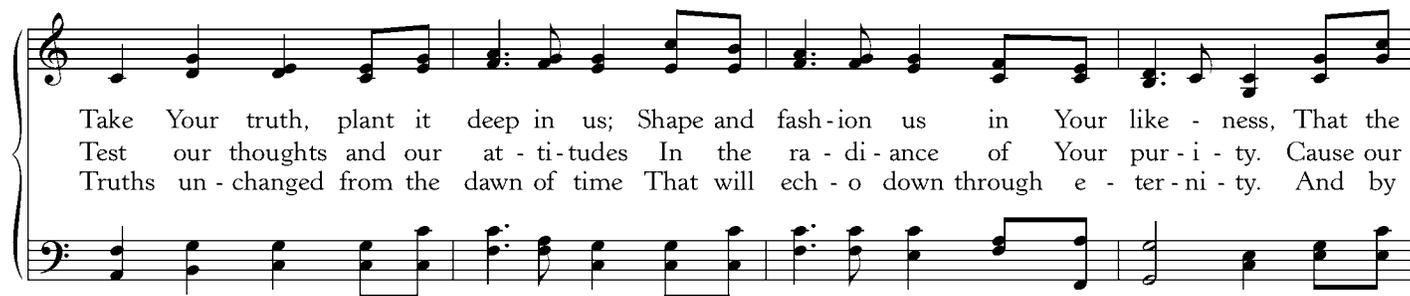
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

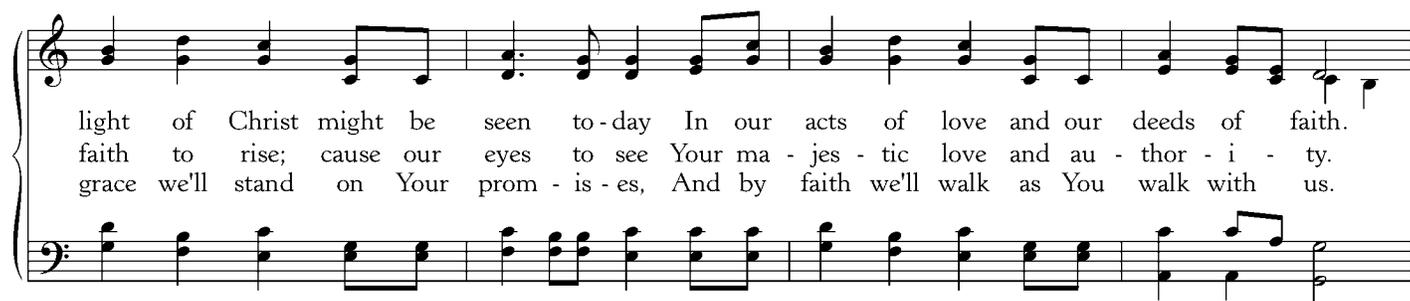
Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Missions Report—Sara Nixon, Kyrgyzstan

The Reading of the Word—Luke 19:11-27

11 As they heard these things, he [Jesus] proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. 12 He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. 13 Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ 15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. 16 The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ 17 And he

said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ 18 And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ 19 And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ 20 Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; 21 for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ 22 He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ 24 And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ 25 And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ 26 ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 27 But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’”

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 84

Investing for Eternity

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.
 And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Sursum Corda

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Elder: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Elder: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
 Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN
Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

MEN
Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on
earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth. We praise
You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!
We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.
We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks.

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Profession of Faith—from Galatians 5:16-18, 22-25

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit,
and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,
for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.
But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.
And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all those "faithfully-fenced" members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

First Communion

*Gavin Allen, Son of Randy and Suzann Allen
Ellie Morton, Daughter of Bert and Julia Morton*

Hymn of Communion—Rock of Ages



Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eyes shall close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no re - spite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less look to thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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 Music: NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP, James Ward. 1984.

Hymn of Communion—Not What My Hands Have Done



Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - ty soul; Not
Your voice a - lone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace; Your
Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; Thy
I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine; And
 I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might; He



what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole. Not
power a - lone, O Son of God, can all my sin e - raise. No
blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in. Thy
with un - fal - tering lip and heart I call this Sav - ior mine. His
 calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy and light. 'Tis



what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not all my prayers and
oth - er work but Yours, no oth - er blood will do; No strength but that which
love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee, Can rid me of this
cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in His tomb Each thought of un - be -
 He Who save - th me, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause He



sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
is di - vine can bear me safe - ly through.
dark un - rest, And set my spir - it free.
lief and fear, each lin - gering shade of gloom.
 lov - eth me, I live be - cause He lives.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1861; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Hymn of Praise—All For Jesus

All for Je - sus, all for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - somed powers:
Let my hands per - form His bid - ding, Let my feet run in His ways;
World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, Cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
Oh, what won - der! how a - ma - zing! Je - sus, glor - ious King of kings,

All my thoughts and words and do - ings, All my days and all my hours.
Let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, Let my lips speak forth His praise.
Boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; On - ly Je - sus will I trust.
So en - chained my spir - it's vis - ion, Look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
Deigns to call me His be - loy - èd, Lets me rest be - neath His wings.

Text: Mary D. James, 1889; Music: WYCLIFF, John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887, Adapted 2007.

Recognition of High School Graduates

Elizabeth Branch, Amanda Couch, Cameron Hughes, Shane Mathews, Josh McGuire, Emma Pent, Lincoln Pent, Rebekah Rabon, & Jeremy Steffens

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to
win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in
dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

The image shows a musical score for a three-part setting of the hymn 'Christ Be With Me'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Text: *Atomring indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

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Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Elliott's house—*When Sinners Say I Do* by Dave Harvey

Taking the Message Home

The disciples are once again confused regarding the coming of the Kingdom of God. To help clear things up, Jesus tells a parable about faithfulness in kingdom work.

- What are we to learn about work in the Kingdom of God from this parable?
- Discuss with your family and/or HFG what God's "minas" are and how God requires us to invest them for a return.
- How are the faithful and unfaithful workers/investors judged differently in this parable?
- How are you investing the "minas" God has given you? Take some time and reflect on this one. What encouragements do you see? What changes need to be made?
- **Action Plan:** Commit a few ideas to paper for faithful using of your "minas" in God's Kingdom. Get some feedback about these ideas from a spouse or a good friend. Once you have a plan, build in some accountability and review process for these efforts and ask several folks to pray for you as you get started.

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