

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Ordinary Time—Sundays of Pentecost

02 June 2013

Worship Notes

This Sunday we continue in the season of the Church year known as Ordinary Time or the Sundays of Pentecost—the period between Pentecost and the start of Advent. The Church calendar starts in Advent with the prophecies and anticipation of the coming and second coming of Christ and then moves through His life and ministry culminating in the season of Easter with resurrection, ascension and the birth of the Church on Pentecost. In a very real sense, this season of Ordinary Time is the story of the Church in the book of Acts as we await the Second Advent—it is living in the outworking of redemption.

Our sermon series on the Luke II and the Lord's Prayer continues with "Forgive Us Our Sing" and so we will focus on our need of forgiveness as well as the need to forgive others. We begin with the **Call to Worship** from **Psalm 119** and the desire to know the way of the Lord in order to not sin against him. **Glory Be to God the Father** rejoices in the nature and character of God especially as He who loved us and washed us from "each spot and stain." **Holy God, We Praise Your Name** reminds of the holy nature of God and his worthiness to be praised.

The **New Testament Reading** from **Matthew 18** challenges us to forgive as we have been forgiven. The **Prayer of Confession** from **Psalm 32** confronts our proclivity to hide our hearts from ourselves as well as from God. Forgiveness comes in acknowledging our sins and confessing our transgressions. We then sing **Psalm 32: Blest is the Man**. The **Profession from God's Word** uses **Psalm 25** as an explanation of God's mercy in instructing sinners in the way that is right.

Our **Hymns for Communion** are **Come, Ye Sinners** and **There is a Fountain**—both prayerful reminders of the cleansing blood of Christ that welcomes sinners home. Our final hymn, **Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted**, calls us to look to Jesus and learn the happy choice of obedience.

—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

Sung Response—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs I

Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, And in our souls take up Your rest; Come,
with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, To fill the hearts which You have made.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, circa 800, Trans by Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: TRURO, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 119:9-16

Pastor: O LORD, how can we keep our way pure?

All: By guarding it according to your word.

Pastor: With our all our hearts we seek you; let us not wander from your commandments!

All: We have stored up your word in our hearts, that we might not sin against you.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach us your statutes!

All: In the way of your testimonies we delight as much as in all riches.

Pastor: We will meditate on your precepts and fix our eyes on your ways.

All: We will delight in your statutes; we will not forget your word.

Hymn of Praise—Glory be to God the Father

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry
Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain! Glo - ry
Glo - ry to the king of an - gels, Glor - y to the Church - 's king, Glo - ry
"Glo-ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings; "Ho-nor,
be to God the Spir - it, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo-ry,
be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo-ry,
to the king of na - tions! Heaven and earth, your prais - es bring; Glo-ry,
rich - es, power, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings; Glo-ry,
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal ag - es run!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the King of glo - ry bring!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Hymn of Praise—Holy God We Praise Your Name

Ho - ly God, we praise Your Name; Lord of all, we
Hark! the loud - ce - lest - ial hymn An - gel choirs a -
Lo! the a - po - sto - lic train Join the sac - red
Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore You! All on earth Your scep - ter claim.
bove are rais - ing, Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
Name to hal - low; Pro - phets swell the loud re - frain,
Three we name You; While in es - sence onl - y One,

All in Heaven a - bove a - dore You: In - fi - nite Your
In un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing; Fill the heavens with
And the white robed mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a - dor - ing

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord.
set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.
bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y.

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, Attr Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

(Please be seated)

New Testament Reading—Matthew 18:21-15

Forgive as you have been forgiven

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience

with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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 Psalm 32:I-5

Pastor: Bless us Father—forgive our transgressions and cover our sins.
Do not count our iniquities against us;

All: May our spirits be open and honest with You.

Pastor: Let us not hide our hearts in silence,

All: But if we do, may Your hand be heavy on us.

Pastor: To whom else can we acknowledge our sins if not to You?

All: To whom else should we?

Pastor: Let us confess our transgressions to You
and not cover our iniquities with excuses, rationalizing, or blame.

All: Forgive our sins, O Lord. Amen.

Sung Response—Kyrie

CALL RESPONSE




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

Silent Prayers of Confession


Assurance of Pardon—I John I:7-9

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.


Hymn of Praise—Psalm 32: Blest is The Man, Forever Blest



Blest is the man, for - ev - er blest, Whose guilt is
Blest is the man to whom the Lord Im - putes not
From guile his heart and lips are free; His hum - ble
How glor - ious is that right - eous - ness That hides and



par - doned by his God; Whose sins with sor - row are con -
his in - i - qui - ties; He pleads no mer - it of re -
joy, his ho - ly fear, With deep re - pen - tance well a -
can - cels all his sins, While a bright ev - i - dence of



fessed, And cov - ered with his Sav - ior's blood.
ward, And not on works, but grace re - lies.
gree, And join to prove his faith sin - cere.
grace Through his whole life ap - pears and shines!

Text: Psalm 32, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DISTRESS, William Walker, 1854; Arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2008.
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The Reading of the Word—Luke II:1-4

Pastor: 1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2 And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

All: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread,
4 and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 50

Learning to Pray: Forgive Us Our Sins

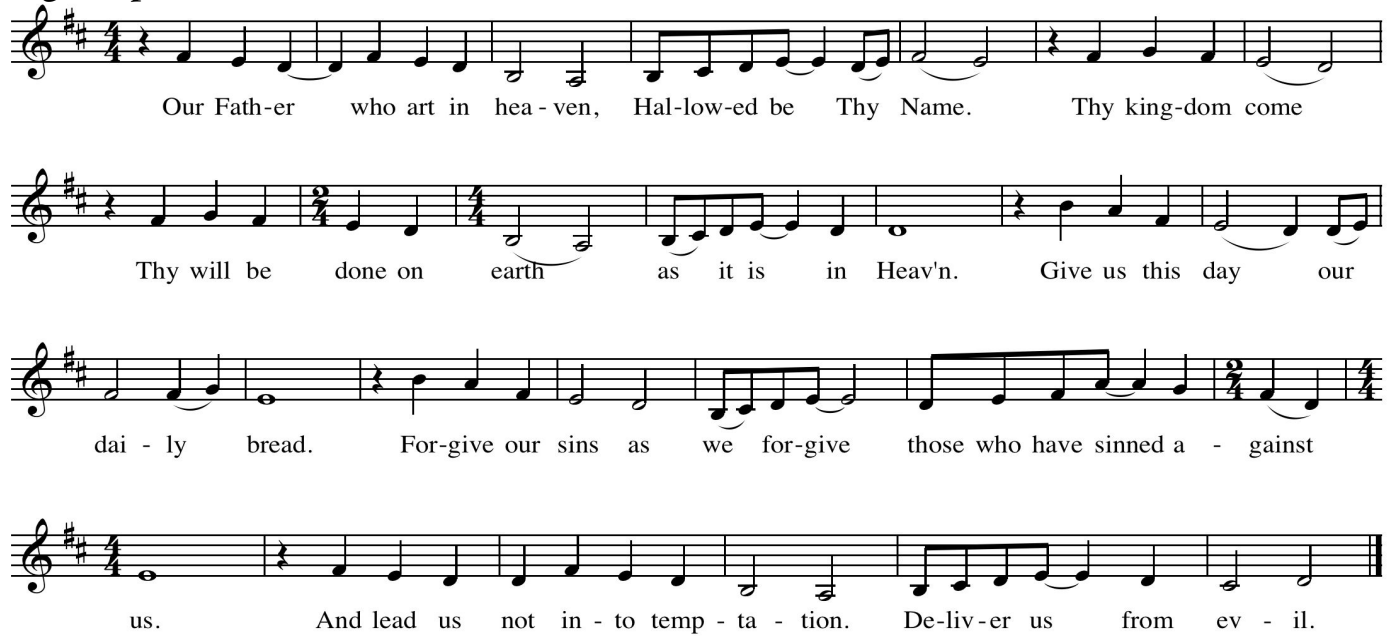
—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Profession from God’s Word—Psalm 25:4-11, 18

The Lord forgives all our sins.

Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all the day long.
Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember us,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
The LORD is good and upright; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
For your name’s sake, O LORD, You pardon our great guilt.
You consider our afflictions and our trouble, and you forgive all our sins.

Sung Response—Our Father



Our Fath-er who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be Thy Name. Thy king-dom come
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heav'n. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. For-give our sins as we for-give those who have sinned a- gainst
us. And lead us not in- to temp- ta- tion. De-liv-er us from ev- il.

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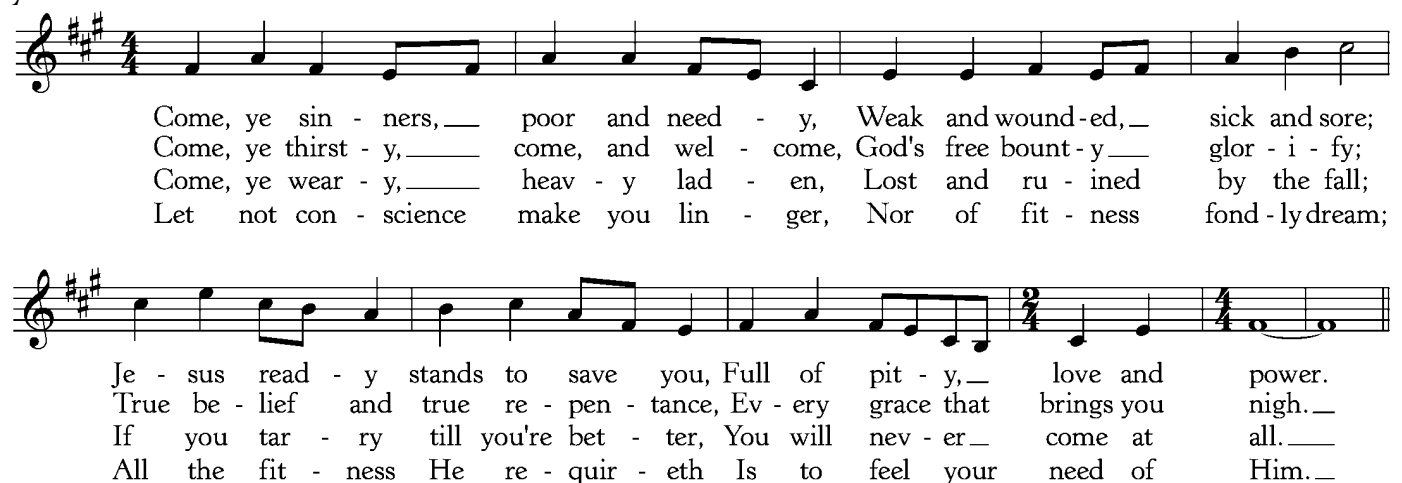
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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.

Hymn of Communion—Come, Ye Sinners



Come, ye sin - ners, — poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, — sick and sore;
Come, ye thirst - y, — come, and wel - come, God's free bount - y — glor - i - fy;
Come, ye wear - y, — heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, — love and power.
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. —
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er — come at all. —
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him. —



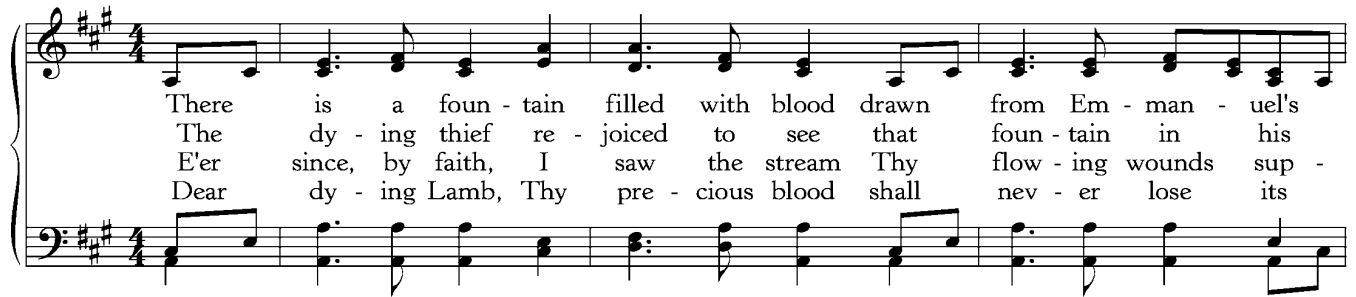
I will a - rise and_ go to Je - sus, He will embrace me_ in His_ arms;



In the arms_ of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Music: Southern Harmony, 1835.

Hymn of Communion—There is a Fountain Filled with Blood



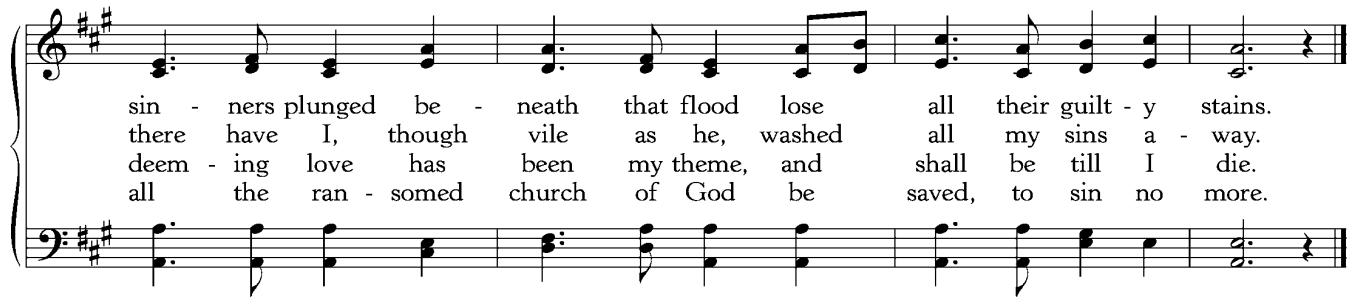
There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's
The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his
E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup -
Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its



veins; And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y
day; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a -
ply, Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I
power, Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no



stains. Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains; And
way. Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way; And
die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; Re -
more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till



sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.
there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn of Praise—Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted



Come, ye souls - by sin af - flict - ed, Bowed with fruit - less
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make o -
Bless - ed are_ the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that
Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, Light to new - ly



sor - row down; By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed,
bed - ience sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it,_
hear His voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him,
o - pened eyes, Or full springs in des - erts drear - y_



Through the cross be - hold_ the crown; Look to
While His wis - dom guides your feet Safe to
And in Him_ a - lone_ re - jice; His com -
Is the rest_ the cross_ sup - plies; All who



Je - sus; mer - cy flows_ through Him a - lone.
glor - y, where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.
mand - ments then be - come_ their hap - py choice.
taste_ it shall to rest_ im - mor - tal rise.

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—from Colossians I:II-I4

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)

The Lord bless you and keep__ you. The Lord make His face shine up - on__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to__ you. The Lord turn His face__ to - ward__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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Randy Allen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays 5:30 p.m., Brook's house.

Chuck Emerson, 2nd and 4th Sundays 5:00 p.m., Steffens' house.

Cy Fenton, Sundays after church, Fentons or Hensleys.

Stacy McGuire, Sundays after church, upstairs at Cornerstone.

Greg Wilbur & Matt Michaud, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Wilbur's house.

Jim Smith, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Smith's house.

Today is our fourth installment in the series on The Lord's Prayer. Today we are looking at the petition, "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us."

- Why is it important that this petition begins with confessing our requesting forgiveness from God *before* we grant forgiveness of others?
- Read Matthew 18:21-33. How does this story negatively illustrate the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer?
- If we forgive everyone all the time, how will we not become doormats that only further encourage evil and injustice in the world? In the gospel, what is the relationship of forgiveness to justice?
- Read Colossians 2:13-15. How is the forgiveness of Christ the very crux on which the Kingdom of God is advanced?
- How is God calling you to act in the power of forgiveness right now in your life?

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