SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Ordinary Time—Sundays of Pentecost 30June 2013

We return this morning to Luke II and the realty of the spiritual dimension of life and the only means and source of true change. From Psalm 68 we have our Call to Worship ascribing power to God as the One who rides in the ancient heavens and give strength to His people. We then move to A Mighty Fortress as our hymn of praise reminding us of the prince of darkness and the strength to defeat him that comes from Christ alone.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name again situates all majesty and kingship on the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament Reading from Luke 10 has Jesus telling his followers that they have been given authority over all the power of the enemy. The Prayer of Confession from Ephesians 6 confronts our sin as that which undermines our effectiveness in the struggle against the spiritual forces of evil. As we sing May the Mind of Christ My Savior, we are prayerfully desiring that the focus of our hearts and minds would be on Christ's Kingdom such that we would become conformed to His image.

In the Hymns of Communion we return to Psalm 68 as we sing Let God Arise With All His Might as the defender of the helpless and the vanquisher of the foe. In Not What My Hands Have Done, we consider the unique and necessary work of Christ to "ease this weight of sin."

Our final hymn is **For All the Saints** as a triumphal reminder of where Christ in His love and power are leading His people in victory over the world, the flesh and the devil and into eternal glory.

–Greg Wilbur

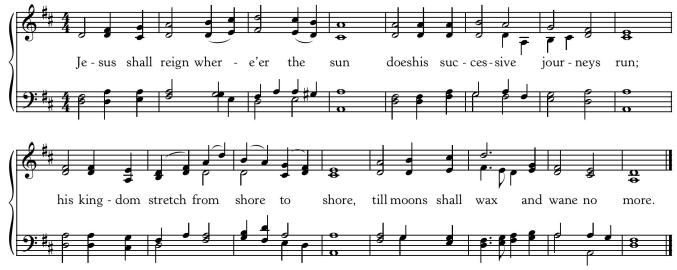
GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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—Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 68:32-25

Pastor: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

All: Sing praises to the Lord,

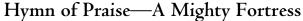
Pastor: To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Pastor: Awesome is God from his sanctuary;

the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!





Text: Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, trans Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



Text: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. St. 4 John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793.

(Please be seated)

New Testament Reading—Luke 10:17-20

Authority over the power of the enemy

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" 18 And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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 Ephesians 6:10-19

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to be strong in You and in the strength of Your might that we might be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

All: Too often we forget that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against the rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Pastor: You call us to clothe ourselves in the priestly armor that we may be able to withstand in the evil day and to stand firm. Therefore, help us to stand with the belt of truth.

All: Forgive us for manipulating facts, shading stories in our favor, and being false to the Gospel.

Pastor: Help us to stand, having put on the breastplate of righteousness.

All: You are our righteousness. May we be holy as You are holy.

Pastor: May we walk in the readiness of the gospel of peace and use faith as a shield.

All: May we sow harmony and may we turn away flaming darts by faith in Your Word.

Pastor: Covered by salvation and with the Word of God as our sword, may we pray at all times in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication.

All: Teach us to hide Your Word in our hearts and to keep alert with all perseverance.

Sung Response—Kyrie



Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—I Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn of Praise—May the Mind of Christ, Vs I-5



Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

Missions Report—Chuck and Carol Emerson, Peru

The Reading of the Word—Luke 11:14-28

14 Now he [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," 16 while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided

household falls. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. 23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

24 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" 28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 53

The Only Source of True Change

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

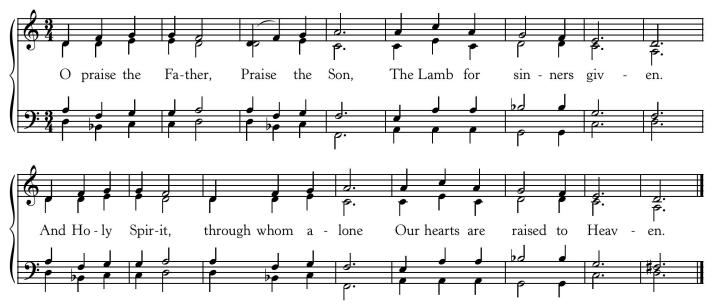
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; The one holy Church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung Response—O Praise the Father



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

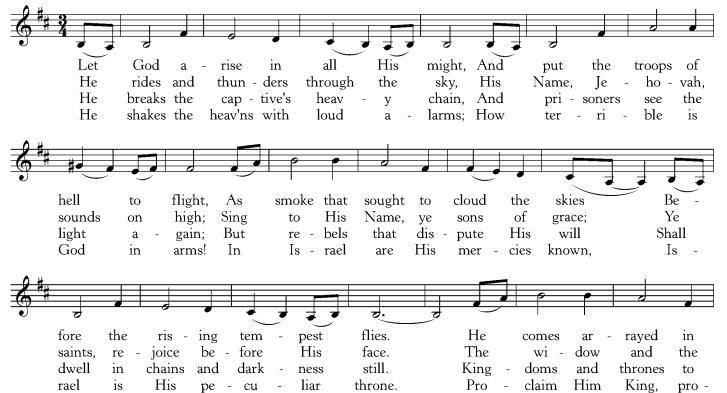
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

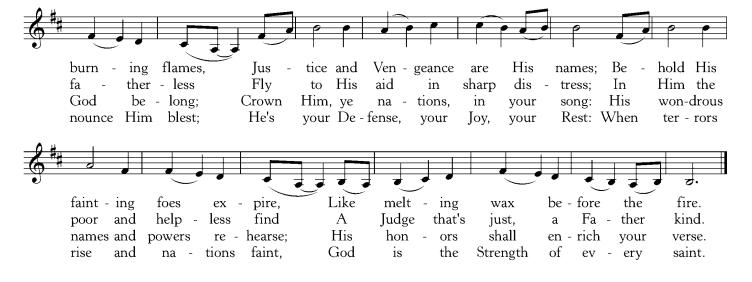
God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

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 Praise—Psalm 68: Let God Arise in All His Might





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Hymn of Communion—Not What My Hands Have Done



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—For All the Saints



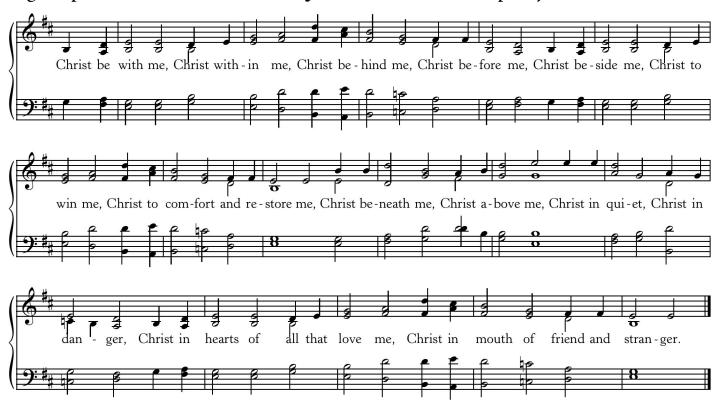
Text: William W. How, 1864; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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—Ephesians 3:14-19

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. *Amen*.

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



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

As we return to the Gospel of Luke this week, we find Jesus teach us about the true power for change. Have your Bibles open to Luke II:I4-26 as you listen to the sermon and discuss the questions below. Pray for the Spirit of God to bring lasting change into your life and our community.

Explanation

- When Jesus cast out the demon that was mute, the man immediately began to speak again. How is this miracle a case in point for the kind of change God brings into our lives?
- After the miracle, some questioned from what source Jesus' power came, even claiming, "He cast out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons." How did Jesus dismantle this allegation? (II:17-20)
- What point is Jesus making with the parable about a strong man being plundered by a yet stronger man? Further, what's its relation of this story to the miracle? (II:2I-26)
- Based upon Jesus response to the woman, what is the secret of a life filled with God and His power? (11:27-28)

Application

- How does Luke II:24-26 express the difference between eternal (true) change and temporal (superficial) change? Why is superficial change so dangerous?
- In what way does your life look "swept and in order" (v.25) but empty and in danger of a greater bondage?
- Where have you been unwilling to let Jesus truly inhabit (rule) your life? Take time now with God and
 repent of your sin and ask the Spirit to dwell in every room of your life that you might experience real and
 lasting gospel change.

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