

Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

08 September 2019

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Sung Introit—Glory Be to God the Father, Vs I



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Call to Worship—Psalm I26

Pastor: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Pastor: then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

All: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

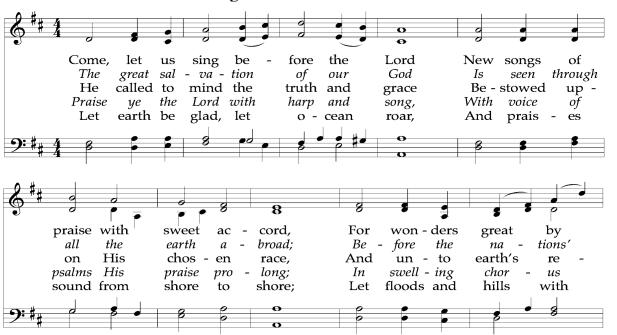
Pastor: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

All: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

Pastor: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

All: shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

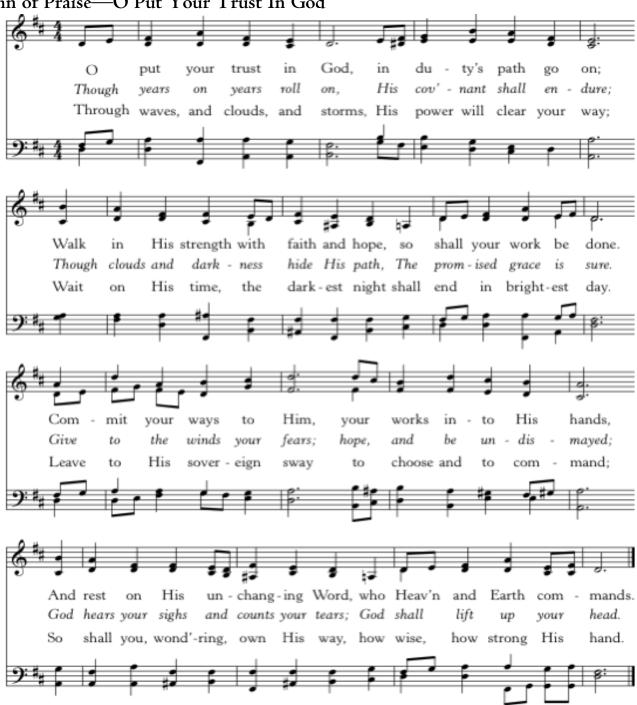
Hymn of Praise—Come, Let Us Sing Before the Lord, Vs I-3, 5, 6





Text: From Psalm 98; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.





Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1656; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915.

New Testament Reading—John 3:5-15

⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

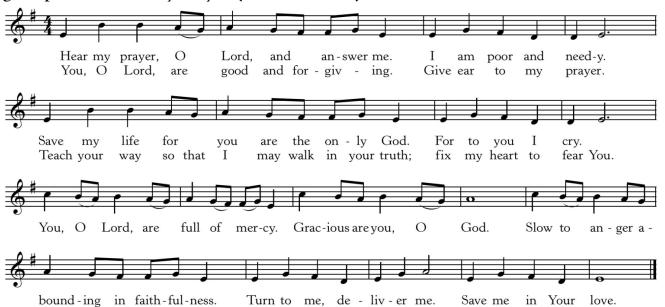
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & 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—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Jeremiah 30:12-17

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Because of sin, we have a hurt that is incurable and a wound that is grievous.

All: There is no one to help us, no medicine for our wound, no healing for us.

Pastor: Our friends forsake us and we feel the weight of punishment because our guilt is great, because our sins are flagrant.

All: We cry out because of our hurt—not because we know the greatness of our guilt or understand the scandal of our sin.

Pastor: Your hand is heavy on us for You cannot allow sin in Your holy presence.

All: Lord, devour those who seek to devour us.

Banish our foes, plunder those who plunder us, and all who prey on us, make them a prey.

Pastor: O Lord, You have declared that You will restore health to us and You will heal our wounds because of Your namesake and Your love for Zion.

Silent Prayers of Confession

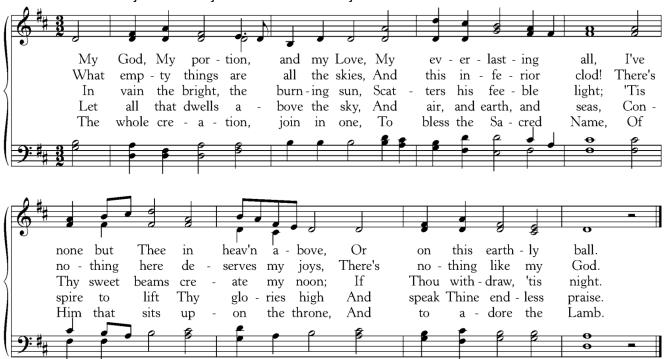
Assurance of Pardon—from Jeremiah 30:18-19, 22

"Thus says the LORD:

Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt on its mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be.

Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving, and the voices of those who celebrate. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

Hymn of Praise—My God, My Portion, and My Love



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, from Southern Harmony.

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 40:I-23

Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

⁵ And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?" ⁸ They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." ¹² Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵ For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head." ¹⁸ And Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. ¹⁹ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you."

²⁰ On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

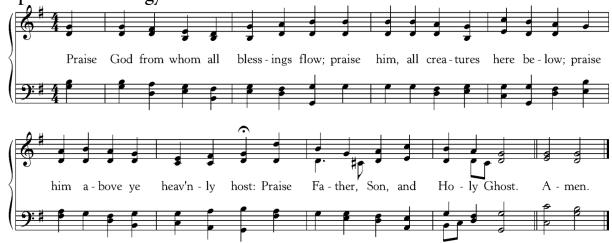
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, Part 50

Remember Me

-Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—Doxology



Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551.

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—Sanctus



CCLI #11121087 Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: Franklin Sanctus, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Profession of Faith—The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death²—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,⁴

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵

He also watches over me in such a way⁶

that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.8

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.¹⁰

I I Cor. 6:19-20 2 Rom. 14:7-9

3 I Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

4 I Pet. I:18-19; I John I:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:I-II

6 Jn 6:39-40; I0:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; I Pet. I:5

7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

8 Rom. 8:28

9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor I:21-22; 5:5; Eph I:13-14

I0 Rom. 8:I-I7

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 40: I Waited Patient



Text: Based on Psalm 40; Music: Based on a Traditional Irish Melody, Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

Communion Hymn—Be Still My Soul, Vs I, 2 & 4



Text: Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752, trans. Jane. L. Borthwick, 1855; Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1899.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

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.



GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—II John I:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. *Amen.*

Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians I:10-II)



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- Pray for more followers of Jesus in the US to be willing to reach out to people from the refugee and immigrant communities. Learn more at Servant Group.org/Nashville or talk to Colleen!
- Pray for opportunities to share hope with the refugee women (both for Colleen and her volunteers).
- Pray for Colleen encouragement, perseverance, and glimpses of what God is doing in the refugee community.
- Pray for Colleen's friends from Iraq who are followers of Jesus encouragement, fellowship, mentorship, and perseverance.
- Pray for financial provision for Colleen as well as for SGI.
- If you would like to be added to Colleen's personal regular update email or mailing list, email her at abundantblessing@gmail.com

Today's message, "Remember Me" is taken from Genesis 40:I-23. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- Why does suffering soften the hearts of some and harden others?
- Joni Erikson Tada writes, "Suffering provides the gym equipment on which faith is exercised." How has this been true in your life? (see also Rom. 5:I-5)
- How many ways does Joseph display faith in this passage?
- How is Joseph a type or picture of Jesus Christ in this passage?
- What's your big takeaway from today's message?

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