

Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

06 October 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

Introit—Jesus Shall Reign, Vs. I



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

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:I-7

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

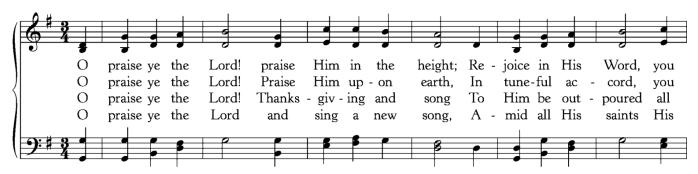
All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

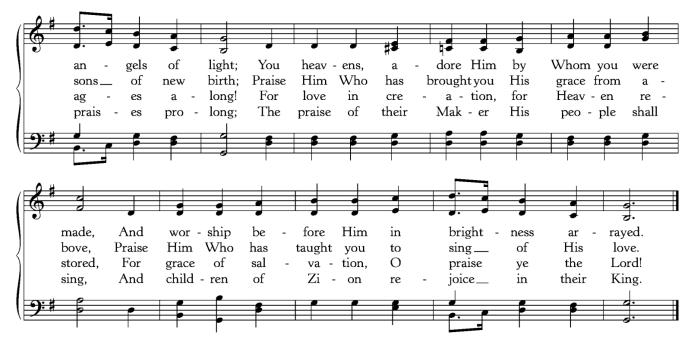
Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Pastor: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn of Praise—O Praise Ye the Lord





Text: Henry W. Baker, 1875; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806.

Hymn of Praise—For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, Arr by William H. Monk, 1861.

New Testament Reading—Romans 12:9-14

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

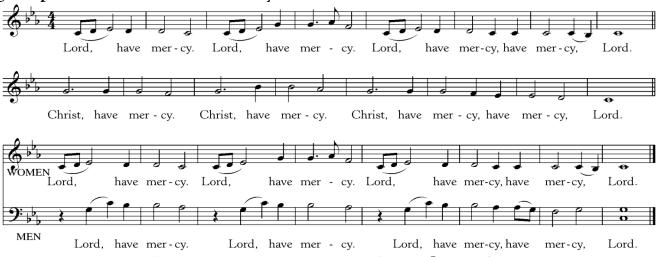
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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—Lord, Have Mercy



Text: Luke 18:13; Music: Franklin Kyrie, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on 2 Peter I:3-II

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Your divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Christ which calls us to his own glory and excellence.

All: As partakers of the divine nature,

we have escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desires.

Pastor: We are to make every effort to supplement our faith with virtue,

and virtue with knowledge,

and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness.

All: But we supplement depravity with willful ignorance and indulgence to try and escape responsibility.

Pastor: We are to supplement godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

All: But we seek after our own interests and self-preservation.

Pastor: Thus we are ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of you, O Lord.

All: Because we lack these qualities we are nearsighted and blind and we forget that we were cleansed from our former sins.

Pastor: Father, make us all the more diligent to confirm our calling and election and to practice these qualities of godliness.

All: For we know that in this way we will be richly provided with an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on I Corinthians 6:9, II

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 18:1-3, I Love You Lord My Strength



Text: T.M. Moore, 2006, The Ailbe Psalter; Music: ST. COLUMBA, Old Irish Melody.

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 43:I-34

Now the famine was severe in the land. ² And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food." ³ But Judah said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.' ⁴ If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.⁵ But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'" ⁶ Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?" ⁷ They replied, "The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?" ⁸ And Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. ⁹ I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. ¹⁰ If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice."

¹¹ Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. ¹² Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. ¹³ Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. ¹⁴ May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

15 So the men took this present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin. They arose and went down

to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon." ¹⁷ The man did as Joseph told him and brought the men to Joseph's house. ¹⁸ And the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys." ¹⁹ So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the door of the house, ²⁰ and said, "Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food. ²¹ And when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and there was each man's money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it again with us, ²² and we have brought other money down with us to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks." ²³ He replied, "Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has put treasure in your sacks for you. I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them. ²⁴ And when the man had brought the men into Joseph's house and given them water, and they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder, ²⁵ they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

²⁶ When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present that they had with them and bowed down to him to the ground. ²⁷ And he inquired about their welfare and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" ²⁸ They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves. ²⁹ And he lifted up his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!" ³⁰ Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there. ³¹ Then he washed his face and came out. And controlling himself he said, "Serve the food." ³² They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. ³³ And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth. And the men looked at one another in amazement. ³⁴ Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry with 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 54

Making Peace

—Tony Giles, Pastor

Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I



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—Let Glory Be to God on High



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Profession of Faith—The Heidelberg Catechism

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

A. That I am not my own,^I 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. I4:7-9 3 I Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:I4 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; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; I Pet. I:5 7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 2I:16-18

8 Rom. 8:28 9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor I:21-22; 5:5; Eph I:I3-I4 10 Rom. 8:I-I7

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

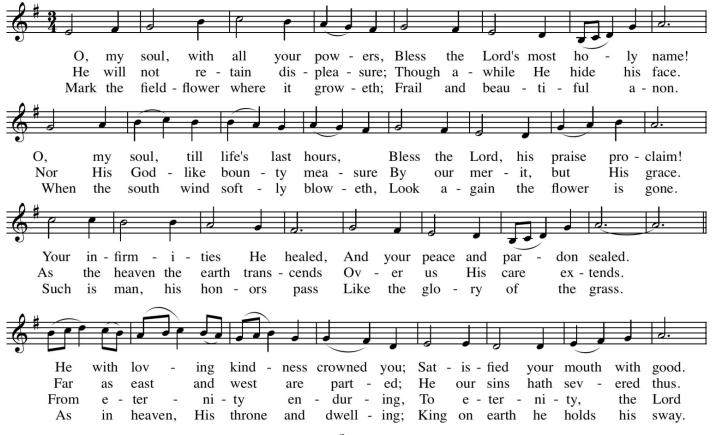
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

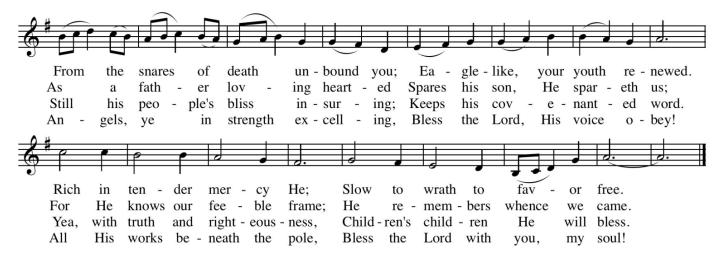
The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

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.

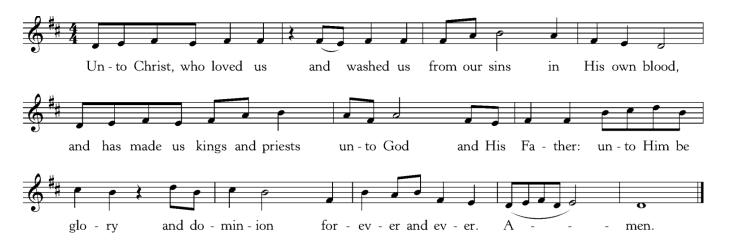
Psalm for October—Psalm 103: O My Soul With All Your Powers





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Hymn of Communion—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



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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.

Hymn of Praise—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



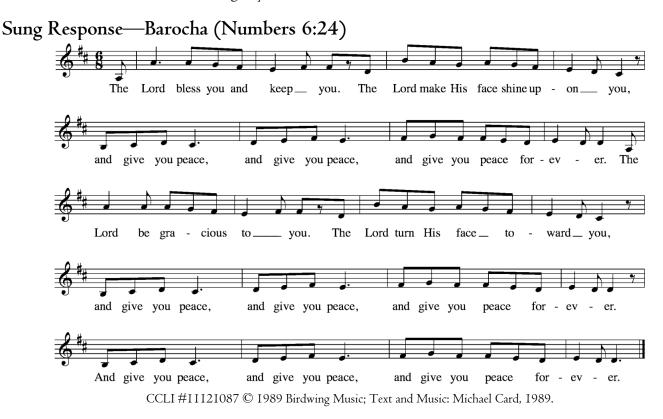
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GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. *Amen*.



Prayer Focus—Josh (Gina) Rieger is a church planter with Mission to the World (the foreign mission agency of the PCA) in Hexham, which is in Northumberland, England, one of the less densely populated counties in England and the most secular and most northern county in England. One hundred years ago Northumberland had 90 Presbyterian Church in 4 Presbyteries but today there are only 3 evangelical churches. Josh and Gina have ministered for five years in Northern England. Four years ago they planted a new church in Hexham, a town that has not had an evangelical church in 40 years. Please pray for Joshua and Gina in the following ways:

- that the Lord would bless the congregation with families with Children. There have been some families who have begun to attend since the Rieger returned to England in February. Pray this would continue. This is a blessing to the church, but also a great blessing for the Rieger children.
- for other mothers with whom Gina would be able to develop close friendships. Two new mothers have just begun to attend the church, pray that Gina would find close friends in these women, but also women in the community to whom she could witness.
- that the Lord would develop love and unity in the church. The members come from all sorts of backgrounds and this has led to tensions in the congregation in the past.
- that the Lord would raise up men to serve as elders and deacons. Josh is currently going through training with one man who is a potential elder. Pray the church would have wisdom in whether or not to call him.
- for Adam, a young man who has just come to know the Lord, that he would grow in his love for Christ's church and for the Word of God.
- for several non-believers or very weak believers who attend the church from time to time, that the Lord would continue to draw them to himself.

Today's message, "Making Peace," is taken from Genesis 43:I-34. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends or Home Fellowship Group.

- I. What would true shalom (peace) look like in a family or a community?
- 2. How do we normally respond to the broken peace of our families or churches?
- 3. Where do you see any hints of change in the brothers since their harsh treatment of Joseph Gen 37? What change is still needed for *shalom* (peace) to be restored?
- 4. Read Col 3:12-15 and Romans 12:14-21. How does the finished work of Christ restore and renew broken relationships?
- 5. What real change needs to take place in you to move toward restoring *shalom* in your family or relationships? What small steps can you take in the right direction?

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