

Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

20 October 2019

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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 III:I-5

Pastor: Praise the LORD! We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Hymn of Praise—Crown Him With Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Hymn of Praise—Though Troubles Assail Us



Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: ST. DENIO, Traditional Welsh Melody.

New Testament Reading—Galatians 5:13-14

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

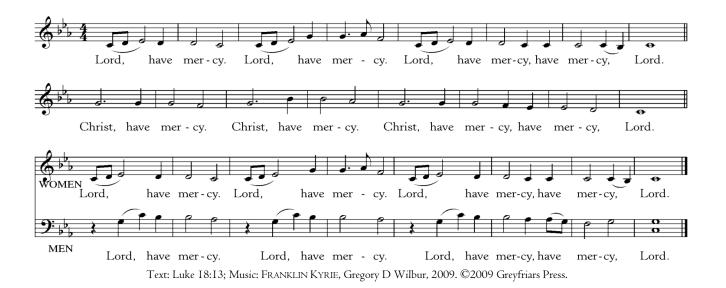
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on I Peter 4:7-11

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For the sake of our prayers, You call us to be self-controlled and sober-minded.

All: Above all, we are to keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Pastor: We confess that our love is rarely earnest and we seek to uncover faults in one another.

All: Forgive us for not loving others as You have loved us.

Pastor: Let us show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

All: As good stewards of Your varied grace, may we use our gifts to serve one another instead of seeking to advance ourselves.

Pastor: Help us to speak Your words boldly.

All: Help us to serve as one who serves by Your strength in order that You might be glorified.

Pastor: To You belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from I Peter 1:22-23

Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; your souls are purified for obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love—that you may love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 5: Hear My Words



Text: Psalter 1912; Music: Gregory Wilbur, Adapted from Keine Schonheit hat die Welt by Johann Scheffler, 1657

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 45:16-46:27

¹⁶ When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. ¹⁷ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸ and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.' ¹⁹ And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰ Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours."

The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²² To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. ²³ To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. ²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶ And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷ But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸ And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." ³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, his sons, and his sons sons with him, his daughters, and his sons daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

⁸Now these are the names of the descendants of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons. Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, ⁹ and the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. ¹⁰ The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. ¹¹ The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ¹² The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan); and the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. ¹³ The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Yob, and Shimron. ¹⁴ The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. ¹⁵ These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, together with his daughter Dinah; altogether his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.

¹⁶ The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. ¹⁷ The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, with Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel. ¹⁸ These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob—sixteen persons.

¹⁹ The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁰ And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, bore to him. ²¹ And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. ²² These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob—fourteen persons in all.

²³ The son of Dan: Hushim. ²⁴ The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. ²⁵ These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob—seven persons in all.

²⁶ All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all.²⁷ And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

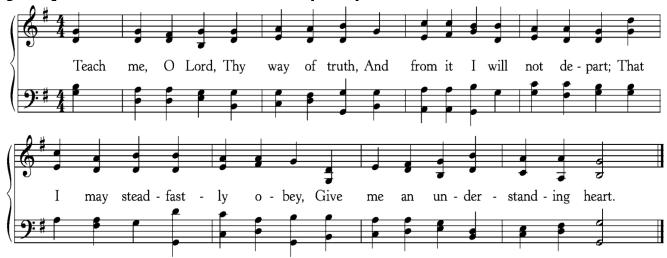
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, Part 56

From Death to Life

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

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



Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca, 1567.

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



CCLI#11121087 Text: From the Liturgy of St. James & an 8th Century manuscript (Gloria in excelsis Deo); Music: Greyfriars Press, 2018.

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;' 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 8 Rom. 8:28 6 Jn 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; I Pet. I:5 9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor I:21-22; 5:5; Eph I:13-14

7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18 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 for October—Psalm 103: O My Soul With All Your Powers



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Hymn of Communion—Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed



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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—Awake My Zeal, Awake My Love



Text: Vs 1-4, Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: TALLIS CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1560.

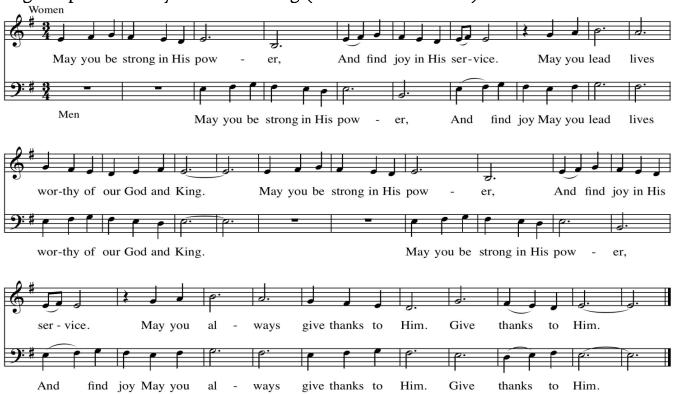
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—I John 3:11, 16 & 18

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. *Amen.*

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



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Prayer Focus— The NHC Franklin Nursing Home Ministry has a long history as a mercy ministry at Cornerstone since our establishment as a church in 2011. The purpose of the ministry is to show Christ's love by assisting in the monthly birthday celebration for the residents of NHC Franklin. The ministry team assists with serving the refreshments, interacting with the residents, and occasionally providing musical entertainment.

- Pray that the ministry team would be sensitive to the needs of the residents.
- Pray that the residents would feel loved and encouraged by the ministry team.
- Pray that the ministry of music would be a source of joy and blessing for the residents.

Today's message, "From Death to Life" is taken from Genesis 45:16-46:34. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- How does Joseph's lavish kindness to his brothers demonstrate his complete forgiveness? Why is it important that forgiveness include more than words?
- Joseph tells his brothers not to quarrel on the way home (Gen. 45:24). What might he be concerned they'd quarrel about on the way home?
- From Jacob's standpoint, this is the "resurrection" of Joseph. What parallels do you see between Jacob's response to the news that Joseph's alive and the disciples' response to the news that Jesus is alive?
- How does this passage remind us that God is faithful to his promises?
- How does this passage lay key foundations for the unfolding of redemptive history?

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