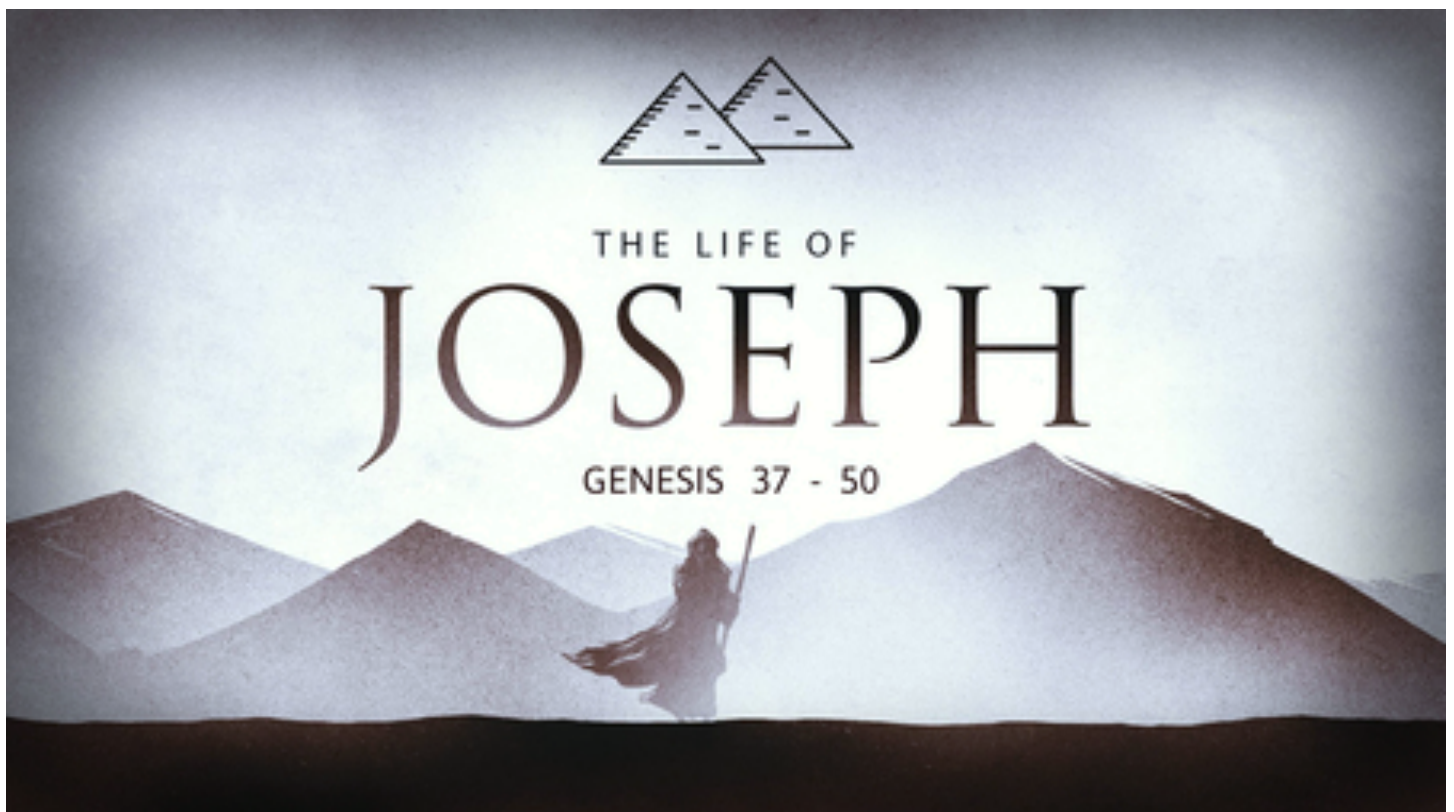




CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
10 November 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

Je-sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces-sive jour - neys run;
his king-dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a final double bar line.

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:I-6

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.

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

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

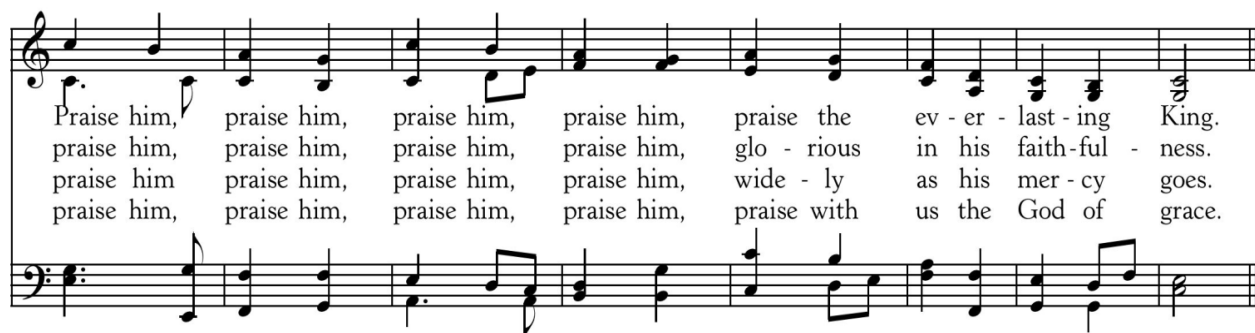
Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

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

Hymn of Praise—Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;
ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

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Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Text: From Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: PRAISE MY SOUL, John Goss, 1869.

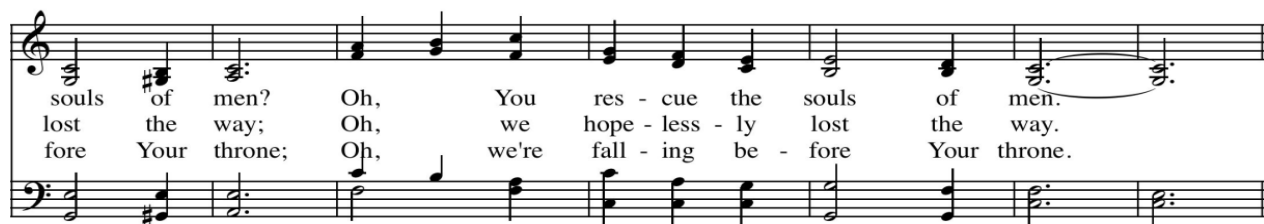
Hymn of Praise—Wonderful, Merciful Savior



Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re - deem - er and
 Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
 Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, Faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your



Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could Res - cue the
 brace; You of - fer hope when our hearts have Hope - less - ly
 own; Here in our weak - ness You find us Fall - ing be -



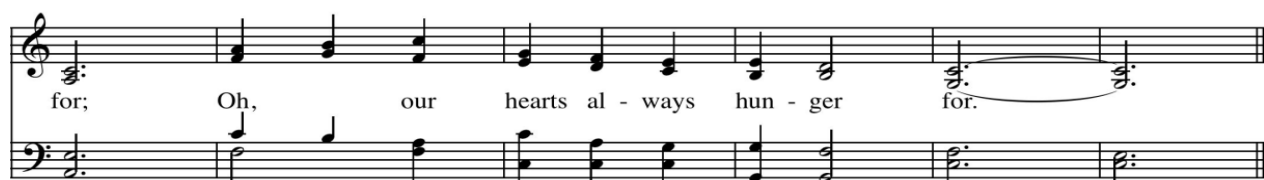
souls of men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.
 lost the way; Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 fore Your throne; Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.



You are the One that we praise, You are the One we a -



dore, You give the heal - ing and grace Our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for; Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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New Testament Reading—Ephesians 4:I-6

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

The musical notation is for a four-part setting of 'Lord, Have Mercy' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features four staves. The first staff is for the Soprano part, with lyrics: 'Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.' The second staff is for the Alto part, with lyrics: 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.' The third staff is for the Tenor part, with lyrics: 'WOMEN Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.' The fourth staff is for the Bass part, with lyrics: 'MEN Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many whole and half notes.

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

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Psalm 103:8-14, 17-18

Pastor: O Lord, we come to you confessing. You are merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
You will not always chide, nor will You keep Your anger forever.

All: Do not repay us according to our sins, nor replay according to our iniquities.

Pastor: As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is Your steadfast love to those who fear You.

All: Remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west.

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,
O Lord, show Your compassion to those who fear You.

All: For You know our frame, You remember that we are dust.

Pastor: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Hymn of Praise—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay
I heard the voice of Jes - us say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look
down, thou wear - y one, lay down thy head up - on my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live." I
un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I
came to Je - sus as I was, so wear - y, worn, and sad; I
came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and
found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav' - ling days are done.

Text: Horatio Bonar, 1846; Music: KINGSFOLD, English Folk Song.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 48:1-22

After this, Joseph was told, “Behold, your father is ill.” So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ² And it was told to Jacob, “Your son Joseph has come to you.” Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. ³ And Jacob said to Joseph, “God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, ⁴ and said to me, ‘Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.’ ⁵ And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. ⁶ And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. ⁷ As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).”

⁸ When Israel saw Joseph’s sons, he said, “Who are these?” ⁹ Joseph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom God has given me here.” And he said, “Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.” ¹⁰ Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹ And Israel said to Joseph, “I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also.” ¹² Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ¹³ And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel’s left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel’s right hand, and brought them near him. ¹⁴ And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). ¹⁵ And he blessed Joseph and said,

“The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,
the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day,

¹⁶ the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys;
and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

¹⁷ When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father’s hand to move it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. ¹⁸ And Joseph said to his father, “Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.” ¹⁹ But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.” ²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying,

“By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying,
‘God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.’”

Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. ²¹ Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers. ²² Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.”

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 58

Deathbed Blessings

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

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

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de-part; That

I may stead-fast-ly o-bey, Give me an un-der-stand-ing heart.

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

Let glo-ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as
O Lord, the sole be-got-ten Son, Who bore the crimes which
Have mer-cy on us, through Thy blood; Re-ceive our prayer, O

in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,
we had done; Son of the Fa-ther, who wast slain,
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho-ly; Thou a-lone,

We praise, we bless, we wor-ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy
To take a-way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose
At God's right hand, up-on His throne, In all His glo-ry,

name we sing, Al-might-y Fa-ther! Heav'n-ly King!
blood was spilt For all the world, and all its guilt—
art a-dored, With Thee, O Ho-ly Ghost, one Lord.

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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,¹ 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

1 I Cor. 6:19-20

2 Rom. 14:7-9

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

4 I Pet. 1:18-19; I John 1:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:1-11

6 Jn 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; I Pet. 1:5

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

8 Rom. 8:28

9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14

10 Rom. 8:1-17

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.

Psalms for November—Psalm 95: O Come and Sing to God, the Lord

O come and sing to God, the Lord, To
Be - fore His pres - ence let us come With
The Lord Our God is King of kings, A -
To Him the spa - cious sea be - longs, He
O come and, bow - ing down to Him, Our

Him our voic - es raise; Let us in our most
praise and thank - ful voice; Let us sing joy - ful
bove all gods His throne; The depths of earth are
made its waves and tides; And by His hand the
wor - ship let us bring; O let us praise the

joy - - - ful songs The Lord, our Sav - ior, praise.
psalms to Him, With grate - ful hearts re - joice.
in His hand, The moun - tains are His own.
ris - - - ing land Was formed and still a - bides.
gra - - - cious Lord, Our Mak - - - er and our King.

Text: Psalm 95, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: IRISH, from *A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems*, Dublin, 1749.

Hymn of Communion—Give Me Jesus

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn -
- ing when I rise give me Je - - - sus.

Chorus
Give me Je - - - sus, give me Je - - - sus. You can
have all this world, but give me Je - - - sus.

2. And when I am a-lone, oh, and when I am a-lone, and
3. And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and
when I am a-lone give me Je - - - sus.
when I come to die give me Je - - - sus.

Text and Music: African-American Spiritual.

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

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—O God Beyond All Praising



O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day and
The flower of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die, its
Then hear, O grac - ious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that
sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; for
fra - gile bloom su - rren - der to you the Lord most high; but
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king; and
we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send, at
hid den from all na ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown though
whe - ther our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll
bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we
small in mor tal sta ture, to hea - ven's gar - den grown: for
tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still: to
lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word, we
Christ the Man from hea ven from death has set us free, and
mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and
ho - - nor and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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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—from I Thessalonians 3:11-13

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way and may the Lord make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all so that he may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *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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Prayer Focus—Joshua Kines (Emily) is the church planter and senior pastor of Parish Church(PC) in Lafayette, Louisiana, a church plant of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The greater Lafayette area has over 250,000 people and no PCA churches prior to PC being planted in 2016. Joshua has over 15 years of experience in church planting, including work as a church planter in Peru and Columbia, South America, prior to being called to Lafayette. He and Emily have been blessed by the Lord with six children.

- Praise the Lord for His gracious provision of our new building. We are in the building and the ministry is flourishing. We have been so encouraged to see so many new faces coming to visit since arriving. We rejoice in all the added opportunities the building has afforded us both within the congregation and with new visitors.
- Pray for the host of ministries initiatives we have launched this fall with the added stability of a permanent meeting space. Our people are excited about moving the vision forward and we are praying it bears much fruit as we continue to reach Lafayette.
- Praise for the work our new intern has been able to accomplish with the launch of some new consolidated technologies for church management as well as a bi-monthly youth group meeting. We are so excited to see the ways Evan is fitting into the ministry here and for his eagerness to grow in his preparation for ministry.
- Pray for Josh and Emily and their family as they weather a busy season of ministry with very little rest over the summer before kicking off another year (school year) of ministry in the fall. Pray for strength and vitality in the work and wisdom to rest well. Pray for what has been a particularly difficult season of a series of unfortunate events. They have felt under attack for some time by issues outside the church altogether. Though weary, the Lord has been faithful to uphold them through this challenging time.
- Pray for our upcoming season of advent and a host of outreach opportunities we will be pursuing in the neighborhoods surrounding the church during this holiday season.
- Pray that our new home allows us roots in this community in a way that will bring many people through our doors and allow us to invest well into the community. Pray that Christ will be exalted and His kingdom advanced in and through Parish Church.

Today's message, "Deathbed Blessings" 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)

- What is a blessing biblically defined?
- What similarities do you see between this passage and Isaac's blessing of Jacob in Genesis 27?
- How does Jacob's blessing look back in faith and look forward in hope?
- What is the significance of Jacob choosing to extend the right hand of blessing to the younger son, Ephraim, as opposed to the older son, Manasseh?
- If you could pronounce a blessing over your children or grandchildren or the rising generation, what would it be and why?
- How is Jacob's blessing fulfilled in Jesus Christ?

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