

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THEME: THE SPIRIT MOVES US TO TAKE THE HARD JOBS

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: We join in confessing our sins to God in order to hear once again his forgiveness that frees us from the guilt of our sin and allows us to live in joy and hope following Christ:

C: Dear Lord, we come to you in all honesty and humility, admitting that we are sinners—we have sinned in our evil thoughts, in our hurtful words, and in our destructive actions. We also admit that we have at times slipped back into a lifestyle that is comfortable with the secular world around us, but not you. Forgive us, Lord, and strengthen our weak wills by the power of Your Spirit, so that we might hold on to that simple, pure Gospel of your gracious gift of salvation, and to share that good news with others in whatever ways we can, so that others may come to know you and your gracious gift.

SONG OF CONFESSION “Red Book” 195 (twice through) Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use Me.

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Silence for reflection

RECEIVING PEACE FROM GOD

P: God knows our brokenness, and he knows our hearts, he knows deep down that we are his children, and we want to live that way. So he frees us from the guilt of our sin by assuring us of his forgiveness. In God’s name and by his command, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love.

Chorus:

Great is the Lord, And worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, And worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love

Chorus

Great are you Lord, And worthy of glory Great are you Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us Pray.....Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Jeremiah 20:7-13

The Lord comforts and provides for those who work for Him

O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;

you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,

and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!

“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.”
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

The Gospel frees us to live for God

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Jesus sends his disciples to work on his behalf

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

ATHANASIAN CREED (Pt. I)

C: We believe in one God,

**The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

True God from true God,

**Begotten, not made,
Of one being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
And became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

Servant Leadership

SERMON SONG

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again.

Chorus:

Amazing love how can it be
That you my king would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor you,
In all I do, I honor you.

(repeat above)

You are my King

You are my King

Jesus You are my King

Jesus You are my King.

(go to chorus to sing one last time)

OFFERING (We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN This Little Gospel Light Of Mine

1. This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.....
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
2. Don't you dare to blow it out.....
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
3. Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine.....
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
4. All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.....
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
5. It will point the way to heaven, I'm gonna let it shine.....
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.