

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 5, 2016

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

OPENING WORDS

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: Discipleship is a process. Today, we hear from Saint Paul that a faithful disciple is like a soldier, an athlete and a farmer. In each of these vocations hard work and perseverance are a necessity.

Unfortunately, because of our sinful nature, we lose patience and abandon the work of becoming a faithful disciple. Distractions, other priorities, and busy schedules consume us. During this time of silence, we reflect on these shortcomings.

Time for reflection

C: Lord, God of our tomorrows, we confess our sinful condition before You. We desire something better than what we have and what we are. We know ourselves too well and see our human frailty. We know that our temporary gods are vulnerable and will crumble under the test. We realize that our desires are fickle and backfire on us at the worst times. God of our tomorrows, give us Your forgiveness. Let us see today the promise of something better in our lives.

P: Our God is a tomorrow God, who knows our past and knows where we are headed. We trust a God who knows our needs and desires each of us come daily in prayer. As we confess our sins, God is faithful and will forgive our sin and make us clean from all unrighteousness. God always promises us something better, because of the miracle of forgiveness and love. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE “Red Book” 59 (Two times) The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you, There'll be shouts of joy,
And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands,
And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands
While you go out with joy,
You shall go

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, You grow Your kingdom one relationship at a time. Thank You that Paul's connections to the churches he established continued in words of support, encouragement and challenge through his letters. Help us to establish healthy relationships with individuals that can "parent" us and those whom we can support in their faith. Help us to build purposeful relationships that further Your kingdom here on earth, just as Paul did. In Jesus' name. Amen.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one enlisted him. And athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

CHORAL ANTHEM Redeemer Arranged by Mark Hayes

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he (Jesus) had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Green Book" 460 (vs. 1-4 only) I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only you;
Trusting you for full salvation,
Free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon;
At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting you to make me holy
By your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me;
You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

SERMON

"My Plan.....His Plan"

APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

C: Amen

THANKSGIVING

P: Welcome to the celebration! God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.

C: Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.

P: We come to the Table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience Your presence in bread and wine.

C: Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Red Book" 9

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
And the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

“Red Book” 142 We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of Kings; we will
Glorify the Lamb; we will glorify the
Lord of Lords, who is the great I Am.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings; hallelujah
To the Lamb; hallelujah to the
Lord of Lords, who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will
Bow before his throne; we will worship him in
Righteousness; we will worship Him alone.

“Red Book” 119 Just As I am

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 87 I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back!

Tho no one join me, still I will follow,
Tho no one join me, still I will follow,
Tho no one join me, still I will follow
No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back!

Take the whole world but give me Jesus,
Take the whole world but give me Jesus,
Take the whole world but give me Jesus,
I'll follow Him, I'll follow Him

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.