

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 2016

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER..... “We are weak, but He is strong.” We sing these words in the familiar song “Jesus Loves Me.” It is the strength that is in Jesus that Paul desires for Timothy. This strength comes from trusting in the promises of the Gospel, namely that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Even if faced with persecution for speaking God’s Word, this strength can sustain the people of God. When we are weak, God is faithful to keep His promises—for He cannot deny Himself.

RINGING OF THE BELL

After the ringing of the bell *in silence* we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ON GOD

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

C: Amen

P: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

C: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: Great are the works of the Lord.

C: Studied by all who delight in them.

P: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C: And His righteousness endures forever.

P: The works of His hands are faithful and just;

C: All His precepts are trustworthy.

Psalms 111

WE CONFESS.....

P: Before we begin our worship celebration, it is good for us to clear the decks by admitting our sins and receiving the reassurance of God’s forgiveness for all our sins—which is why we celebrate! So let’s confess:

C: We confess that we are sinners by nature as well as by choice. We have willfully turned away from Your faithful love and embraced shadow and death instead. We admit our powerlessness to return to You, and we believe that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, You have decisively acted to forgive, heal, and restore us to life. By Your Spirit, make what Jesus has done real in our lives this day.

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

P: People dearly loved, God hears your cry for mercy and answers when you call. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring you love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Almighty God, Your favor is shown to Your people through the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Strengthen us to endure hardship, to run the race in the manner of pilgrims, and to labor in Your harvest until You call us home; for You are always faithful, and You always keep Your promises; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT Ruth 1:1-19a "Where you go I will go"

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I

will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 2:1-13 "The Word of God is not bound!"

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 who enlisted him. An 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. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19 One leper returned to thank Jesus, but what about the other nine?

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

CHORAL ANTHEM

God Gives Us a Future with Hope

By Pepper Choplin

SERMON

"Attitude of Gratitude"

SERMON HYMN

To God be the Glory #241

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!*
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!*
*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love.

I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure.

I have faith in Jesus, who emptied Himself out of His love for me. I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine, His resurrection is mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words and work.

I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person. The Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel, and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength and against all adversity. I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. Amen.

OFFERING

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all offerings, his Son offered for our salvation.

OFFERTORY

SONG OF PRAYER

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

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When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

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

BENEDICTION

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with you in endless day.

DISMISSAL