



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 10, 2017



AS WE GATHER...Not all news is good news. Not every story is a happy story. But the Scriptures tell us of the grace God has shown to His people, even in their sinfulness and rejection of Him. God does not give up on His creation. The seeds He has planted will bear fruit according to His promise. There will be a happy ending! In this season of growing things, we renew our hope in the Lord, who is our health and salvation.

RINGING OF THE BELL

After the ringing of the bell, we take a few moments in silence to prepare our hearts and minds for today's worship.

WELCOME & 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: As Christians, we do not make the claim that we know everything that there is to know about God. Much of who God is and why God acts is a mystery. One aspect of God that we do know, however, is that God is loving, merciful and forgiving. Each week we celebrate this known attribute of God by confessing our sin and receiving God's forgiveness. Today is no different. Let us take a few moments of silence to reflect upon our need for God's forgiveness.

C: Lord, forgive us today for our arrogant ways. We think that we can live life without You and Your grace. We have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered the most. Let Your amazing love have its way with us today. Strengthen our faith through this forgiveness; we want to do better.

P: God is merciful. God never fails to help those who call upon Him in faith. Through this gift of the forgiveness of sins, you also receive the assurance that God is near. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce God's goodness to you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray. Almighty God, our refuge, our fortress, our God in whom we trust, hear our prayers this day.

C: As You have done for Your people throughout the centuries, defend us from persecution, stand with us in our struggles, give us strength to stand firm in the face of fear and uncertainty, and raise us up with Your mighty right hand.

P: Lead us by Your Spirit in these days as we share Your name in all circumstances and as we live our lives as Your chosen people.

C: For You live and reign as one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: **Proverbs 17:17, 18:24 & 27:5-6**

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A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

We look with hope to the things that are unseen.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL:**Mark 3:20-35**

Jesus teaches about who truly is His family.

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming

to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

APOSTLES' 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.**

SERMON

HYMN: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Chris Tomlin

1. *Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see*
2. *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!*

***Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, My Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns.
Un-ending love, amazing grace***

3. *The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.*

Chorus x 2

4. *The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
(Will be forever mine)
(You are forever mine)*

OFFERING

We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—ourselves, our time, our possessions.

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty and ever-living God, we give You thanks and praise for being a just and forgiving God. We praise You for being our refuge, our fortress, and our God in whom we trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, we thank You for hearing our prayers this day and every day. We name before You this day our brothers and sisters who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit, and ask for Your strength, comfort, and healing, *(including...)*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, You united us in a common faith and family at our Baptism. Lead and guide us in living out our baptismal faith as we speak up about You in this world, so that the people we connect with may hear Your Word. Bless this day our friends in Christ at College United Methodist Church in Philomath and their pastor, Pastor Mike Gregor. We thank you for the faithful witness they show for Jesus in our community. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Holy Spirit, You work in many unseen and mysterious ways. As we look around our world, we see destruction and violence. We ask that You bring peace and wholeness. We ask for You to give Your wisdom to all the leaders of our world, our nation, our state, and our community, so that they may govern justly. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You have provided a Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teachers and students this year at Peace to learn about You and Your love. Receive our thanks for the head and heart knowledge gained this year during our Sunday School programming. As we turn toward summer, we ask that You would give them good rest and even more assurance of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Lord, I know I Been Changed" **Pepper Choplin**

Lord, I know I been changed. (x3)
The Angels in heaven done signed my name.
Lord, I know I been changed. (x3)
The Angels in heaven done signed my name.
If you don't believe that I have been redeemed,
The angels in heaven done signed my name.
Just follow me down to the ol' Jordan stream.
The Angels in heaven done signed my name.
I'm singin' Lord, I know I been changed. (x3)
Angels in heaven done signed my name.
I went the river and the water was cold.
The angels in heaven done signed my name.
It chilled my body but not my soul.
The angels in heaven done signed my name, signed my name.
Lord, I know I been changed. (x3)
The Angels in heaven done signed my name. (x3)
(Lord I know I been changed.)

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.

