
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 7, 2018

AS WE GATHER... "Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it" (Hebrews 2:1). These words from Hebrews speak to us today. In a culture that is quickly drifting away from the values we once held sacred, it's imperative for us, as the people of God, to hold firmly to the Word we have heard. Today as we gather to listen to God's Word and receive His gifts of grace, we are drawn close to the Redeemer, who has given His life in exchange for ours.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

WE CONFESS

P: In a time of silence and prayer, let us approach the Father's throne of grace.

Silence for reflection

P: We confess together. Most merciful Father,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have drifted from Your commands, choosing to go our own separate ways. We have not honored You as our Creator, nor have we honored one another in love. By the cleansing work of our Redeemer, remove from us our sins of thought, word, and deed so that we worship You in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

P: Only in Christ Jesus are we made complete—complete as God’s creation and completely cleansed of our guilt and sin. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you; and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “It is No Secret”

The chimes of time ring out the news; Another day is through.
Someone slipped and fell. Was that someone you?
You may have longed for added strength, your courage to renew.
Do not be disheartened, for I bring hope to you.

*CHORUS: It is no secret what God can do.
What He’s done for others, He’ll do for you.
With arms wide open, He’ll pardon you,
It is no secret what God can do.*

There is no night, for in His light You’ll never walk alone.
Always feels at home where-ev-er you may roam.
There is no power can conquer you, while God is on your side.
Just take Him at His promise; Don’t run away and hide.

CHORUS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 42

When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" ² And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die." ³ So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. ⁴ But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. ⁵ Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

⁶ Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." ⁸ And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. ⁹ And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." ¹⁰ They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹ We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."

¹² He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see." ¹³ And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more." ¹⁴ But Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you. You are spies. ¹⁵ By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. ¹⁶ Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." ¹⁷ And he put them all together in custody for three days.

¹⁸ On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: ¹⁹ if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, ²⁰ and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so. ²¹ Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us." ²² And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." ²³ They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. ²⁴ Then he turned away

from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. ²⁵ And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them.

²⁶ Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed. ²⁷ And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money in the mouth of his sack. ²⁸ He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!" At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"

²⁹ When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, ³⁰ "The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us and took us to be spies of the land. ³¹ But we said to him, 'We are honest men; we have never been spies. ³² We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.' ³³ Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. ³⁴ Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you are not spies but honest men, and I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land.'"

³⁵ As they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. ³⁶ And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me."³⁷ Then Reuben said to his father, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you."³⁸ But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."

Children's Message

GOSPEL:

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus affirms God's gift of marriage and blesses the children. And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation,

'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Lay Down Your Troubles"

Words & Music by John Purifoy

Lay down your troubles and your heavy load.
Get your feet a walkin' down the heavenly road.
Burdens all alifted up into the air,
Jesus is awaitin' just to meet you there

*Lay down your heavy load, walk down that gospel road.
Take your sin and sorrow to the mercy seat.
Set your troubles down to lay at Jesus' feet.*

Lay (Lay down your troubles,) your troubles (lay down your burdens.) down.
Come, ye weary, who are laden down.

Lay (Lay down your troubles,) your troubles (lay down your burdens.) down.
Trade them all to Jesus for a heavenly crown!
Lay down your troubles, child, and bow to pray.
Let His tender mercy wash your sins away!
Come and walk with Jesus, you can shout and sing!
He will make you happy you're a child of the King!

Lay down your heavy load, walk down that gospel road.

*Take your sin and sorrow to the mercy seat.
Set your troubles down to lay at Jesus' feet.*

Lay (Lay down your troubles,) your troubles (lay down your burdens.) down.

Come, ye weary, who are laden down.

Lay (Lay down your troubles,) your troubles (lay down your burdens.) down.

Trade them all to Jesus for a heavenly crown!

Lay down your troubles, (repeat)

Lay down your burdens. (repeat)

Set your troubles down to lay at Jesus' feet.

Lay them down, down.

SERMON

"Family Troubles and Scandals"

SERMON HYMN: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the power Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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

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.
For the growth of God's kingdom of grace and forgiveness, that we live out our identities as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Christian Church, both here in Philomath and assembled in congregations throughout the world, that we be one as our God is one, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all husbands and wives, moms and dads, daughters and sons, and every member of every Christian family, that we live out our unique vocations in joy and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all public servants, including those who serve in the government and in our armed forces, that they would find refuge in the strong arms of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body (especially...), that they find restoration in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For these and all other concerns we have, that our gracious Father would answer the petitions of His people, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Father, we are Your family. Grant that our lives, reflect who You are and what you have done to make us Your own. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

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.
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
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!

Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."
All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me -
this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong -
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me –
loves me still, Though I'm very weak and ill;
That I might from sin be free,
Bled and died upon the tree.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3. Jesus loves me –
He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in!
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

4. Jesus loves me –
He will stay Close beside me all the way,
Though hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for the.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Go, My children, with My Blessing"

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.
I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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