



September 5, 2021

Traditional Service – 8:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

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God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you
out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

(Schutte/Carter)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all

People: And also with you

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Announcements

Opening Hymn

God Is Here

#246

God is here! As we his people; Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure; What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of his Spirit; Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, We adore you! We believe!

Psalm Response

Psalm 99

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.

**The King is mighty, he loves justice—
You have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.
**Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you love us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you in word and deed. You call, but we have not listened. You speak, but we pretend we are deaf. You send your Spirit, but we harden our hearts. We turn from the reconciling power offered to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, God, for abandoning the ministry of reconciliation. Help us turn to the way of Jesus' teaching and living of life. Enable us to join in your mission in our everyday lives. In Jesus Name, Amen

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 15:11-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Together: To Join God's Mission in Everyday Life

Offertory

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Response Improvisation on “Upper Room”

(Sharon R. Peterson)

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by 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.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Closing Hymn Church of God Elect and Glorious

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Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all his mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness into his most marv'lous light;
Brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified;
And all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heav'n above.
Let his love flow out to others, let them feel the Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service sing his praise, his love declare.

Benediction

Postlude This Little Light of Mine

(Michael Hassell)

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Praise and Prayer

We Are the Kingdom

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Prayer of Confession

Who You Say I Am

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Sermon

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Offering

O Come to the Altar

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The Apostles' Creed

Closing Song

Yes and Amen

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Blessing

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome and Spencer
Liturgist
Scripture Reader
Director of Music
Pianist (8:30)
Pianist (10:00)
Worship Band (10:00)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Rev. Greg Buell
Rich Blue (8:30) and Lois Morris (10:00)
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Jim Peterson
Luke Stoner, guitar; Christine Cheung, synthesizer
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Reflection Questions

2 Corinthians 5 11-21

Connecting with One Another:

What/who do you represent in your life?

Listening and Acting:

Please use this guide to reflect upon the sermon and how the Holy Spirit is asking you to respond this week.

1. Share or write about what impacted you most through the sermon this week?
2. Why is Paul so concerned about sharing what he knows about God? Vs. 11.
3. What is Paul trying to help us realize about being a new creation in Jesus Christ?
4. What is the ministry of reconciliation and how does it impact the world?
5. Why is it so difficult to leave the old life behind and embrace the new life we have in Jesus Christ?
6. As an ambassador of Jesus Christ, where in the last week have you represented Jesus Christ in the world? Where do you anticipate joining Jesus Christ in the world?

Talking with God:

Lift up in prayer fellow Christians who are trying to join in God's mission of reconciliation. Please pray for the Elders as they seek the mind of Christ to lead this church. Please pray for those struggling in life due to illness, marriage, job dynamics, the lack of food, or isolation. Continue to pray for the healing of our world. Lift up those who are estranged from the church and in need of a community that offers them hope.