

February 13, 2022

Combined Worship – 10:00 am

Scripture for Meditation

And the One who was seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

Prelude Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you.

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

#553

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD
all the earth
**Worship the LORD with gladness
come before him with joyful songs**
Know that the LORD is God
It is he who made us, and we are his
**We are his people,
the sheep of his pasture**
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise
**Give thanks to him
and praise his name**
For the LORD is good
and his love endures forever
**His faithfulness continues
through all generations**

Goodness of God

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Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Living Hope

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Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail, Realm, and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

Anthem

“I Will Sing New Songs”

(Antonín Dvořák)

Scripture Readings

Mark 1:40-45
2 Cor. 5:17-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

You Are Made New

6th in the series “What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?”

Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

King of Kings

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Benediction

Postlude

The Trumpets (Francois Couperin)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Prayer of Confession
Psalm Response
Scripture Reader
Prayers of the People
Pianist
Worship Band Members

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor
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Damon Cole, Tenor
Sharon Peterson

Soloist
Organist

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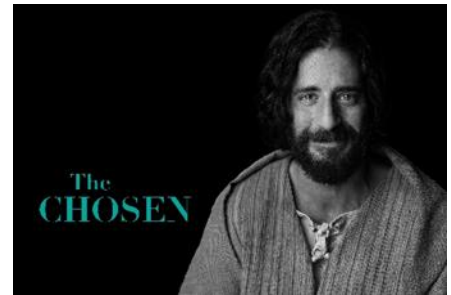
Reflection Questions

Season 1, Episode 6

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Matthew 8:1-4

¹ When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; ² and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." ³ He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."



2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Key Characters in Season 1, Episode 6:

Jesus, Simon Andrew, Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Leper, The Paralytic, James, John

Reflection Questions for Season 1, Episode 6:

1. What are your first reactions to this episode?
2. Read Matthew 8:1-4 and consider how the interaction between the disciples and the leper was portrayed in the series. How did the disciples react and how might you have responded if you were present that day?
3. Who are some of the people in our world today that might be considered the lepers of the 21st century? It doesn't necessarily have to be a medical issue but an issue that separates people from the church due to the social stigma?
4. In the series, Matthew seeks out Simon and Andrew to talk, questioning what he saw when Jesus helped them catch the fish. He says to Andrew, "I need to know. Am I deceived?" Andrew says, "What good is our answer if you don't listen to yourself?". For you, is it easy to give God credit, or are you more likely to lean toward a different explanation? Why is it so hard to believe what we experience of the Lord?
5. One of the ongoing dynamics in scripture and the series revolves around the idea of "insider" and "outsiders." In this case, the leper is an outsider who is not welcome due to his skin disease and ritual impurity. Where in your life have you kept your distance from outsiders?
6. Where in your life do you need healing; physical, spiritual, emotional, etc.? Have you ever asked for help, and if not, why not?
7. Where in your life do you need reconciliation with God and your neighbor? What is one step you need to take?