

February 20, 2022

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

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.

Praise and Prayer

House of the Lord

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Prayer of Confession

Response

Build My Life

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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.)

Ordination and Installation of Elders

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

You Chose Christ
6th in the series "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?"

Closing Song

Christ Be Magnified
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Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude

Songs of Praise (Robert Prizeman)

Welcome

Announcements

Recognition of New Elders

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Opening Hymn

Commit Your Way to God the Lord

#850

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

**But whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither
-- whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

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.

Anthem

Prayer Perfect

(Oley Speaks)

Scripture Readings

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All: Thanks be to God!

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Music for Reflection

When Love is Found

(Charles Callahan)

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. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#859

Benediction

Postlude

Jesus, Thou My Life Art Ever (F.W. Zachau)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Worship Leader/Liturgy
Scripture Readers
Prayers of the People
Pianist
Worship Band Members

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Rev. Greg Buell
Sherry Maloney (9:30); Jack West (11:00)
Elaine Holmquist (9:30); Luke Stoner (11:00)
Jim Peterson (9:30)
Luke Stoner (acoustic guitar), Greg Buell (synthesizer)
Carl Tobias (electric guitar)
Renate Graham, Erin Gosser, and Susan Mathein (vocals)
Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Laura Boguslavsky (11:00)

Organist
Anthem

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Reflection Questions

Season 1, Episode 7

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

John 3: 1-21

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

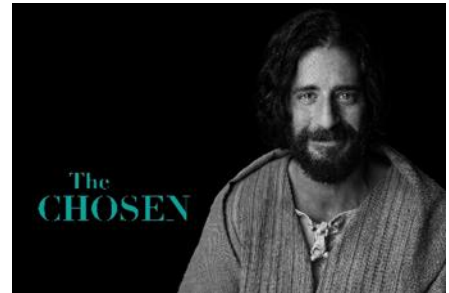
⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”



Key Characters in Season 1, Episode 7:

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Matthew, Simon, and Andrew.

Reflection Questions for Season 1, Episode 7:

1. What are your first reactions to this episode? Which character resonates with you most and why?
2. When Nicodemus decides to meet with Jesus, what factors led him to meet with Him?
3. As John 3:1-21 is depicted in the series, how does Jesus describe how people experience the kingdom of God to Nicodemus? What is unique about this image?
4. What does the image of wind illustrate about the nature of the Holy Spirit?
5. When you think about the image of being born again, how comfortable does it make you feel?
6. If you had an opportunity to sit down with Jesus, what might you ask him? Spend a few minutes in prayer talking with God.
7. In the series, Jesus asks Nicodemus to follow him. What is at stake for Nicodemus to follow Jesus?