



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
C O N W A Y

16 JUNE 2019

TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Worship and Celebration
(Trinity Sunday)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #234

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

- arr. Price

(“✠” please stand if you are able.)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing a new song to the LORD!
Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!

People: Sing to the LORD; praise his name.
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

Leader: Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

People: Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
He is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: The gods of other nations are mere idols,
but the LORD made the heavens!

People: Honor and majesty surround him;
strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.

- from Psalm 96:1-6

✠ HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Hymn #1

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, we cry out to you as people who are sitting in the depths. On the surface, we profess to have it all together. Some of us claim to have mastered our lives through our competence. Others of us distance ourselves from pain and disappointment through our deep cynicism. Most of us do both in a desperate attempt to maintain control.

But you know every nook and cranny of our hearts. You know the games we play. You know our insecurity. You know our fear. You know that we would rather die than give control of our lives to you. Our fear, anxiety and misery flow from our distrust of you.

So Father, the only reason we come to you now is because you have promised to embrace us. Your love for us is even stronger than our distrust. We believe that since you drove your own Son away from your embrace, you will now run to us. Forgive us and heal us we pray, for Jesus' sake. Hear us now as we lift our personal confessions to you . . .

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn # 705

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.

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Acts 15:5-10 (p.923)

⁵ But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Townend

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

1st Corinthians 9:19-22 (p.957)

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Art of Adapting to a Culture as a Missionary”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

Notes:

1. Acts 10 & 15, and 1st Corinthians 9:19-23 show us that now we, as the continuing Covenant people of God, true Israel continuing, don't have to keep adhering to Jewish cultural practices anymore.
2. What is “*culture*” and how should Christians think about it?
3. “Dis-enculturation” is taking _____ a culture like a set of clothes.
“Re-enculturation” is putting _____ a culture like a set of clothes.
4. What does it mean and look like to “become like a gentile to win him or her?”
(1st Corinthians 9:21)

✠ **The Apostles' Creed:**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall 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. Amen.

*(*which means, the true Christian church of all times and places)*

God Sends Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
 on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Fugue on the Magnificat – Third Tone”

- Pachelbel

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **HYMN**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Hymn #235

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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POSTLUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

- arr. Livingston

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

Announcements:

- ◇ Please join us for a **Potluck meal** immediately following worship on June 30th.
- ◇ If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the visitor card found on the pew Bible and drop it in the offering plate. Check the boxes and let us know if you would like more information about our church or if you would like us to pray for you.

Prayer Concerns:

Bette Callaway, friend of Herman and Betty Ellis; Bill Conner; Charlie Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Dorothy Dornblaser, sister of Ken Hunter due to the loss of her husband Stuart; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Paul Ellis, son of Herman and Betty Ellis; Jim Hawks, nephew of Henry and Jane Hawk; Jason Hays, friend of Kevin Tucker; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Mosley Family; Gene Murphy, father of Annette Sackhoff; Jenetta Murphy, mom of Annette Sackhoff.

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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