



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
C O N W A Y

26 JANUARY 2020

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 WHOSOEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Worship and Celebration
(Third Sunday After The Epiphany)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #325

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!

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“Grace Alone”

- arr. Hayes/Gaspard

(“✠” please stand if you are able.)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation — so why should I be afraid?

People: The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

Leader: Hear me as I pray, O LORD. Be merciful and answer me!

**People: My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.”
And my heart responds, “LORD, I am coming.”**

Leader: Do not turn your back on me. Do not reject your servant in anger.
You have always been my helper. Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,
O God of my salvation!

**People: Even if my father and mother abandon me,
The LORD will hold me close.**

- from Psalm 27

✦ HYMN

“Jesus Paid It All”

Hymn #583

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, we have sung a lot about your kingdom this morning. For many of us, your kingdom seems about a million miles away from the way we live our lives.

We confess our distractedness. We get so caught up into trying to make our lives work that often the noise of our lives drowns out everything else. For many of us, we keep ourselves hyper-busy to avoid thinking about our pain. We live in a constant state of escape because, in our hearts, we don't think you can really enter into our lives. Forgive us, we pray.

We confess our distance. We are so afraid of having you enter into our lives because it would take us out of the driver's seat. We don't trust you with our priorities, our schedules, our money, our relationships, our children, our bodies, or our reputations. Forgive us, we pray.

Father, you have said that your Kingdom makes all things new. Prove it to us. Meet us where we are and enter our lives. We ask this not because we deserve it, but because Christ has earned it for us on the cross. Hear us now as we lift our personal confessions to you . . .

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“You Are My All in All”

Hymn # 571

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4 (p.573)

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Give Me Jesus”

- arr. Patterson

“In the morning when I rise.... And when I am afraid.... And when the trumpet sounds, give me JESUS!”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

(Following Children’s Moment, children ages 5 to 11 are invited to attend Children’s Church. Ms. Katie will be waiting to lead the children back.)

SECOND READING

Matthew 4:12-23 (p.809)

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Kingdom Mindedness”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

Notes:

I. Jesus' beginning ministry: (Mt. 4:12-17; Isaiah 9:1-4)

II. Kingdom mindedness

1. It's here now
(v.17)

2. Awakened
(v.16; Isaiah 9:2,3)

3. Repentance
(v.17)

4. Mission
(v. 18-22, 23)

5. Stages
(Mt. 25:34)

6. Goodnews
(v.23)

✠ **The Apostles' Creed:**

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 Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

*(*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

"Thankfulness"

- Biehl

✠ **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**

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Hymn #580

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn #518

May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,
The communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.

POSTLUDE

“Ye Servants of God”

- arr. Wagner

(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:

- ◇ If you would like to have your picture taken for the directory, please see Annette Sackhoff after the service.
- ◇ A sign-up sheet is posted in the hall for the **Variety Show** on Sunday, February 9th. The potluck will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by the show at 5:30 p.m. Don’t forget to sign up for this fun filled event!
- ◇ The **2020 Sanctuary Setup and Cleanup sign up sheets** are posted in the hallway. We need volunteers to help fill these spots. If you are able and would like to serve in this capacity we would appreciate your help!
- ◇ 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.

Upcoming Events:

- ◇ The **Congregational Meeting** will be held today immediately following worship service. We will not have a lunch following the meeting.

Prayer Concerns:

Bill Conner; Charlie Rose Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Pam Dalke, sister of Debbie McConkie; Bo Denton; Paul Ellis, son of Herman and Betty Ellis; Heather Hiatt premature baby, relative of John and Nancy Davis; Jason Hays, friend of Kevin Tucker; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Steve Jensen, F35 pilot, son of Barbara Watkins, deployment to UAE; Betty & Fred Knight, friends of Pedersen family; Martha Lierley; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Netta Seifert, friend of Joe and Adele Pruet; Cody Sublett’s family, friend of Josh McConkie; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friend of Joe and Sue Dablock; Justin Sage Williams, friend of Jeff and 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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