

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THAT'S IN THE BIBLE?!

“Straight from the Donkey’s Mouth” Numbers 22:12-23

June 5, 2016

11:00 am



AS WE GATHER

Too often, we Christians blend into the fabric of the world around us and fail to show forth the distinctive marks of Christian faith in our daily lives. The Gospel does not merely touch our ears but transforms our lives. Who we were is gone in the water of our Baptism, and who we are is a change that comes from Christ alone working through the Spirit and the Means of Grace. Having been changed by the Gospel, we glorify Christ, showing forth in our good works Him who has called us from darkness into His wonderful light.

PRE-SERVICE “Our God Is Love”

Houston/Ligertwood

**Every soul every beating heart, every nation and every tongue,
Come find hope in the love of the Father.
All creation will bow as one. Lift their eyes see the risen Son.
Jesus Savior forever and after.**

**CHORUS: This is love. Jesus came and died and gave His life for us.
Let our voices rise and sing for all He's done.
Our fear is overcome. Our God is love. Our God is love.**

**Every distant and broken heart, every prayer every outstretched arm,
Finding hope in the love of the Father.
Age to age let His praises rise. All the glory for all of time.
Jesus Savior forever and after. CHORUS**

**Age to age we will be singing. In the light of all He's done.
All the earth. Everyone singing in the wonder of His love.
Age to age we will be singing. In the light of all He's done.
All the earth. Everyone singing. CHORUS**

Our God is love. Our God is love.

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WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING SONG “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Matheson/Minor

**O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.**

Interlude

**O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Your Word is a lamp to my feet
People: **And a light to my path.** [*Psalm 119:105*]

Pastor: These things are written that you may believe
People: **That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God** [*John 20:31*]

Pastor: Jesus loves me! This I know,
People: **For the Bible tells me so!** [*LSB 588*]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, Father of all mercy and God of all comfort, You always go before and follow after us.

People: Grant that we may rejoice in Your gracious presence, trust in You without fear, and continually be given to all good works;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Numbers 22:21-31*

[21] So Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. [22] But God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. [23] And the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road. [24] Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. [25] And when the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall. So he struck her again. [26] Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. [27] When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. [28] Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" [29] And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you." [30] And the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?" And he said, "No." [31] Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE *Galatians 1:11-24* (Paul describes how he now preaches the faith he had tried to destroy.)

[11] For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. [12] For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. [13] For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to

destroy it. [14] And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. [15] But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, [16] was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; [17] nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. [18] Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. [19] But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. [20] (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) [21] Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. [22] And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. [23] They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." [24] And they glorified God because of me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 7:11–17* (Jesus raises up the son of a widow,
showing forth His power and mercy.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke , the Seventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[11] Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. [12] As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. [13] And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." [14] Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." [15] And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. [16] Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" [17] And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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 into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

(Please Be Seated)



**Oh you can't keep Jesus' love in a box,
Love in a box, love in a box.
Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a box
'Cause His love'll come a-bubblin' through.**

**Oh you can't keep Jesus' love in a bag,
Love in a bag, love in a bag.
Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a bag
'Cause His love'll come a-bubblin' through.**

**Oh you can't keep Jesus' love in a jar,
Love in a jar, love in a jar.
Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a jar
'Cause His love'll come a-bubblin' through.**

**Oh you can't keep Jesus shut in the grave,
Shut in the grave, shut in the grave..
Oh you can't keep Jesus shut in the grave
'Cause He rose again on Easter Day!**

**So I'll just keep Jesus' love in my heart,
Love in my heart, love in my heart.
So I'll just keep Jesus' love in my heart
So His love'll come a-bubblin' through.**

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SONG OF THE DAY "Thy Loving Kindness"

H. Mitchell

**Thy loving kindness Is better than life
Thy loving kindness Is better than life
My lips shall praise Thee Thus shall I bless Thee
I will lift up my hands Unto the Lord**

**I lift my hands up Unto the Lord
I lift my hands up Unto the Lord
My lips shall praise Thee Thus shall I bless Thee
I will lift up my hands Unto the Lord**

**I lift my voice up unto the Lord
I lift my voice up Unto the Lord
My lips shall praise Thee Thus shall I bless Thee
I will lift up my hands Unto the Lord**

**I lift my heart up unto the Lord
I lift my heart up Unto the Lord
My lips shall praise Thee Thus shall I bless Thee
I will lift up my hands Unto the Lord**

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SERMON “Straight from the Donkey’s Mouth” *Numbers 22:21-31*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That God uses us as His instruments to speak His Word of rescue and bring hope to those still in darkness, and that God may be glorified because of us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the sick be healed, the dying raised to new and everlasting life, the suffering relieved, and the grieving comforted. Let us pray to the Lord [on behalf of *(names)*, and] for all those whom we name before Him in our hearts, that in all things His good and gracious will be done, and we be sustained to everlasting life. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That peace reign among the nations, that governments serve the people with justice and integrity, and that we use the precious gift of freedom wisely and to glorify God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we rejoice in all the gifts of the Lord and be transformed with generous hearts to support the poor and the work of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “There Is None Like You”

BOB 218

CHORUS: **There is none like You, no one else can touch my heart like You do;
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You. REPEAT**

**Your mercy flows like a river wide and healing comes from Your hands;
All of Your children are safe in Your arms, there is none like You. CHORUS**

I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who raised the dead to new life and still raises us from the death of sin to new life through forgiveness. Lift our voices to You that we may be one in praise and thanksgiving with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven to laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS "I See the Lord" Falson

BOB 112

**I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted , and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.**

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “O Church Arise”

Getty/Townsend

**O Church arise, and put your armour on! Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him!**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle;
That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory!**

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“There’s No Other God”

Kittinger

**There’s no other God before my eyes than the one who made this world.
There’s no other prize that I will seek than the great and precious pearl.
Jesus, You’re my Lord. Jesus, You’re my Lord.**

**There’s no other course that I will run than allegiance to my King.
There’s no better way to spend my days than to let this anthem ring.
Jesus, You’re my Lord. Jesus, You’re my Lord.**

**And the love You have for me,
Will never change, never die, never stop washing over me.
Let the love I give to You, be a reflection of Your own.
Jesus, You’re my Lord. Jesus, You’re my Lord.
Jesus, You’re my Lord. Jesus, You’re my Lord.**

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "I Will Follow"

Sooter/Guerra

**When the sea is calm and all is right
When I feel Your favor flood my life
Even in the good I'll follow You
Even in the good I'll follow You**

**When the boat is tossed upon the waves
When I wonder if You'll keep me safe
Even in the storms I'll follow You
Even in the storms I'll follow You**

**CHORUS: I believe ev'rything that You say You are
I believe and I have seen Your unchanging heart
In the good things and in the hardest part
I believe and I will follow You
I believe and I will follow You**

**When I see the wicked prospering
When I feel I have no voice to sing
Even in the want I'll follow You
Even in the want I'll follow You**

**When I find myself so far from home
And You lead me somewhere that I don't wanna go
Even in my death I'll follow You
Even in my death I'll follow You**

**When I come to end this race I've run
And I receive the prize that Christ has won
I will be with You in Paradise
I will be with You in Paradise **CHORUS X 2****

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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