



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
September 6, 2020

**AS WE GATHER:** During our summer sermon series, *You're in Good Hands - The Miracles of Jesus*, we will explore the miracles of Jesus and how the wonders He performed attest to His divinity. Jesus' boundless love and compassion for people are evident in His desire to free them from their bondage. We will study how Jesus' absolute authority and power over nature, disease, death, the devil confirm to all that He is indeed the Messiah and the Son of God.

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN #686**     *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

- 1     Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
      Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
      Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
      Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
      May I still Thy goodness prove.
  
- 2     Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
      Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
      Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
      Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
      Interposed His precious blood.
  
- 3     Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
      Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
      Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
      Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
      Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

#### INVOCATION

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 51

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your  
steadfast love;  
People: **According to Your abundant mercy, blot out my  
transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
People: **And cleanse me from my sin!**

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,  
People: **And my sin is ever before me.**

Pastor: Against You, You only, have I sinned  
People: **And done what is evil in Your sight.**

Pastor: So that You may be justified in Your words  
People: **And blameless in Your judgment.**

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
People: **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not  
despise.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism  
into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one  
another.

Pastor: Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, God of  
love, in thought, word, and deed.  
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our  
sins and renew our lives.**

Pastor: We have shown lack of trust in Your loving purpose for our lives.  
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**

Pastor: We have failed to immerse ourselves in Your Word and to speak it freely in the world.  
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**

Pastor: We have failed to love You and to love one another, even using our faith as an excuse not to love our neighbors.  
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**

Pastor: We have been envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, insistent, irritable, and resentful.  
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**

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.**

**SONG OF PRAISE #687**

*“Thine Forever, God of Love”*

- 1 Thine forever, God of love!  
Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be  
Here and in eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest  
They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav’nly friend,  
O defend us to the end!
- 3 Thine forever, Lord of Life!  
Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.
- 4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep  
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care,  
Let us all Thy goodness share.

5 Thine forever! Thou our guide,  
All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

#### SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, You showed Your love for humanity through Jesus, Your beloved Son, who cast out demons and healed the sick.  
People: **Empower us by Your Spirit to love You with our whole heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves,**

Pastor: So that the light of Your love may so shine before others through us that they glorify You;  
People: **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:12-16

*<sup>12</sup>“And you, Son of Man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Jesus Changes the Rules”

Miss Heidi

**SECOND READING**

I Corinthians 10:1-13

*For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers<sup>1</sup> that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,<sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,<sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food,<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.*

*<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)**

**All:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 13:10-17

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

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

*Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." <sup>13</sup>And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. <sup>14</sup>But the ruler of the*

*synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**                      **The Miracles of Jesus: Get Up!**  
Pastor Seth Flick

**HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)**  
#849                              *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

- 1            Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
                 With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
                 Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
                 Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
                 With the very Bread of peace.
  
- 2            Praise the One who blessed the children  
                 With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
                 With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
                 To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
                 Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
  
- 3            Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
                 Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
                 That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
                 Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
                 Praise the One who makes us one.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:** 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Embraced by the love of God for us in Jesus, let us bring our prayers to God, trusting in His promise to deliver us in the midst of trouble.

**Pastor:** God, whose love is not envious or boastful, bless the leaders of nations, our president and congress, our governors, and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces, and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies, and let Your peace in Christ reign over this broken world. God of love,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** God, whose love is not arrogant or rude, come to the aid of all who are in need. As Jesus humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to humbly enter the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying to offer comfort and hope. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring so much

suffering to the world, that their work lead to healing for many. God of love,  
**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** God, whose love is not irritable or resentful, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among both the families of this congregation and all families. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel, and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families, that their homes be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. God of love,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** God, whose love abides into all eternity through our Lord Jesus, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn, and use us to express Your abiding love to them. We thank You for the life and witness of those who, having abided in Your love in this life, have now died and abide in Your eternal love. Bring us one day to be with them; and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. God of love,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** In addition to these prayers that we have spoken, we know that You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts, and hear also those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All of our prayer we entrust to Your abiding love in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

#### **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 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.

## BENEDICTION

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.  
People:        **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN #918        *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”*

- 1        Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
          Pilgrim through this barren land.  
          I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
          Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.  
          Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
          Feed me till I want no more;  
          Feed me till I want no more.
  
- 2        Open now the crystal fountain  
          Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
          Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
          Lead me all my journey through.  
          Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,  
          Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
          Be Thou still my strength and shield.
  
- 3        When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
          Bid my anxious fears subside;  
          Death of death and hell’s destruction,  
          Land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
          Songs of praises, songs of praises  
          I will ever give to Thee;  
          I will ever give to Thee.

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