



23rd Sunday of Pentecost
November 169, 2024 — 10:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for making us part of Your family. Help us to follow Jesus' example of grace and love to others. With the power of the Holy Spirit let us be a reflection of Your character when we are dealing with those around us. Amen.

Song: ***Survivor***

For so long I carried the weight of my past
Crippled by burdens, like stones on my back
I thought I had fallen too far from Your grace
But You came and showed me the way

When I was a lost soul searching
You were the ground beneath my feet
When I was a blind man begging
You were the eyes so I could see
When the smoke was rising up
You were the air that I could breath
You gave me hope

You gave me something to believe

No I'm alive and born again
Rescued from the grip of sin
God, Your love came crashing in
And pulled me out of the fire
I'm a survivor

Now all I can see are the fields of Your grace
Wherever I run You're leading the way
You shook the shackles off my feet
I found redemption on my knees
You gave me hope
You gave me something to believe

No I'm alive and born again
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Song: **Good Good Father**

Oh I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a good good Father, it's who You are
It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by you, it's who I am
It's who I am, It's who I am

Oh and I've seen many searching
For answers far and wide
But I've known we're all searching
For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a good good Father, it's who You are
It's who You are, It's who You are

And I'm loved by You, It's who I am
It's who I am, It's who I am

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh this love so undeniable I
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

You're a good good Father, it's who You are
It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You, It's who I am
It's who I am, It's who I am

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Scripture Psalm 51:1-12

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and rant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

Ephesians 5:15-20

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *“Maturity Under The Microscope”*

Pastor Ben Murray

Song: **Highlands (Song of Ascent)**

Oh how high would I climb
Mountains if the mountains
Were where You hide

Oh how far I’d scale
The valleys
If You graced the other side

Oh how long have I chased
Rivers from lowly seas
To where they rise

Against the rush of grace
Descending from the source
Of its supply

Cause in the highlands and
The heartache You’re neither
More or less inclined

I would search and stop
At nothing You’re just
Not that hard to find

I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You when
The mountain’s in my way

You’re the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You

In the valleys all the same

No less God within
The shadows
No less faithful when
The night leads me astray

Cause You're the heaven
Where my heart is
In the highlands and the
Heartache all the same

Oh how far beneath Your
Glory does Your kindness
Extend that path

From where Your feet rest
On the sunrise to where
You sweep the sinner's past

Oh how fast would you come
Running if just to shadow me
Through the night

Trace my steps through all
My failure and walk me
Out the other side

For who could dare ascent
That mountain that
Valleyed hill called Calvary

But for the one I called
Good Shepherd who like
A lamb was slain for me

I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You when
The mountain's in my way

You're the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You
In the valleys all the same

No less God within
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In the highlands an the
Heartache all the same

Whatever I walk through
Where I am You name
Can move mountains
Where I stand

And if ever I walk through
The valley of death I'll
Sing through the shadows
My song of ascent

Whatever I walk through
Where I am Your name
Can move mountains
Where I stand

And if ever I walk through
The valley of death I'll
Sing through the shadows
My song of ascent

From the gravest of all
Valleys come the pastures
We call grace

A mighty river flowing
Upwards from a deep
But empty grave

I will praise You on the
Mountain and I will
Praise You when the
Mountain's in my way

You're the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You
In the valleys all the same

No less God
Within the shadows
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Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: The Holy Scriptures proclaim that God is "...gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Be assured that on account of Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, God forgives you all your sins.

A: Amen.

L: With the Saints of every generation, we proclaim the church's ancient song:

A: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the

remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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.

How Deep The Father's Love

ALL: How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His Treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song: ***New Name Written Down In Glory***

I was lost in shame
Could not get past my blame
Until He called my name
I'm so glad He change me

Darkness held me down
But Jesus pulled me out
And I'm no longer bound
I'm so glad He change me

See, I'm now a new creation in Christ
The old has gone, there's new life
I live by faith, not by sight

There is a new name
Written down in glory
And it's mine, yes, it's mine

I've met the Author
Of my story
And He's mine
Yes, He's mine

Sin had left me blind
But Jesus opened my eyes
Now I see the light
I'm so glad He changed me

Now I'm walking free
I've got the victory
See it's all over me
I'm so glad He change me

See, I'm now a new creation in Christ
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I am who I am
Because the I Am
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"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:19b-20

Sermon Notes

Maturity Under The Microscope

⇒ How does your life demonstrate Jesus to others?

⇒ Where is the Spirit convicting you that you are walking in the flesh and not the Spirit?

⇒ How do you practice Thanksgiving?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Don Krause, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman