



3rd Sunday of Christmas
January 11, 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 the work of those in the early church and for the examples that have been provided by them. Help us to be like those in the early church. Let us show others as well as tell others about what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Song: ***Glorious Day***

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb, 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb, 'til I met You

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

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And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new, Jesus when I met you

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And I ran out of that grave
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Into Your glorious day

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight
Of Your glory
I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of heaven
When I was broken, You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future, my eyes are open
'Cause when You called my name
I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

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Song: **Great I Am**

I want to be close, close to Your side
Where Heaven is real and death is a lie
I want to hear voices of angels above
Singing as one

Hallelujah, holy holy
God almighty, great I Am
Who is worthy, none beside Thee
God almighty, great I Am

The Great I Am

I want to be near, near to Your heart
Loving the world, hating the dark
I want to see dry bones living again
Singing as one

Hallelujah, holy holy
God almighty, great I Am
Who is worthy, none beside Thee
God almighty, great I Am
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The mountains shake before You
The demons run and flee
At the mention of the name
King of Majesty
There is no power in hell
Or any who can stand
Before the power and
The presence of the Great I Am

The Great I Am
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Hallelujah, holy holy
God almighty, great I Am
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Scripture Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

Acts 2:1-4

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

John 14:5-21

"Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is

the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the work themselves.

Very truly I tell you whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — “Church Devote” Pastor Ben Murray

Song: **Mighty Name Of Jesus**

I pray into the atmosphere
Spirit of God
You're here
You have all authority

I pray over my heart and mind
I am healed by Your stripes
Your blood declares
That I am free

In the mighty name of Jesus
I pray
Calling on the power
Of heaven, I proclaim

Every weapon formed
Against me
Must break in the mighty
Name of Jesus

I draw a permanent
Boundary line
The enemy has no rights

No scheme could ever
Undo God's plan

No matter the circumstance
The cross has sealed my destiny

In the mighty name of Jesus
I pray
Calling on the power
Of heaven, I proclaim

Every weapon formed
Against me
Must break in the mighty
Name of Jesus

In the mighty name
Of Jesus, I know
All the power of fear
And darkness must go

'Cause every key
To every victory I hold
In the mighty
Name of Jesus

I will not fear
I will not fear
When the enemy
Comes near

On the doorframe
Of my life
Is the blood
Of Jesus Christ

I will not fear
I will not fear
There's an army
Of angels here

I'm protected
On all sides
By the blood
Of Jesus Christ

I will not fear
I will not fear
When the enemy
Comes near

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Of my life
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Of Jesus Christ

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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: ***You Are Good***

I want to scream it out

From every mountain top
Your goodness knows no bounds
Your goodness never stops
Your mercy follows me
Your kindness fills my life
Your love amazes me

And I'll sing because
You are good
And I'll dance because
You are good
And I shout because
You are good
You are good to me

Nothing and no one comes
Anywhere close to you
The earth and oceans deep
Only reflect this truth
And in my darkest night
You shine as bright as day
Your love amazes me

And I'll sing because
You are good
And I'll dance because
You are good
And I shout because
You are good
You are good to me

And I'll sing because
You are good
And I'll dance because
You are good
And I shout because
You are good
You are good to me

And with a cry of praise
My heart will proclaim
You are good, You are good
In the sun or rain
My life celebrates
You are good, You are good

And with a cry of praise
My heart will proclaim

You are good, You are good
In the sun or rain
My life celebrates
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"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

Sermon Notes

Church Devote

- ⇒ How are you actively participating in being a witness of Jesus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth?
- ⇒ Would your closest friends and family consider you to be someone who operates on their own power, or as someone who depends upon the Holy Spirit?
- ⇒ Is there any area you are lacking from Acts 2:42?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, 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