

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow

Ross Merryman

~Hayes

Welcome

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

- Based on Romans 8:29-31

Brothers and sisters, the extravagant love of God has called us together.

For long before we were even aware of it, God knew us.

God had already chosen us to be part of God's family—children of God!

And having chosen us, God called us;

and having called us, God justified us;

and having justified us, God gave us glory!

What extravagant love is this!

Let us worship God together! To God be the glory!

Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin

And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son

And give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God

The vilest offender who truly believes

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see **(Refrain)**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

We give thanks to You, O God, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that awaits our returning, and for Your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners. We praise You that in Jesus Christ You came to us with forgiveness, and that by Your Holy Spirit You move us to repent and receive Your love. We come to You this day acknowledging our shortcomings and our need for Your grace. We invite Your Spirit to be at work within us, to lead us toward wholeness and to make us ready to share the same grace with everyone we meet; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Linda Morrison

Proclamation and Response

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New Testament Reading

Romans 3:9-26

⁹ So what are we saying? Are we better off? Not at all. We have already stated the charge: both Jews and Greeks are all under the power of sin. ¹⁰ As it is written,

There is no righteous person, not even one.

¹¹ *There is no one who understands.*

There is no one who looks for God.

¹² *They all turned away.*

They have become worthless together.

There is no one who shows kindness.

There is not even one.

¹³ *Their throat is a grave that has been opened.*

*They are deceitful with their tongues,
and the poison of vipers is under their lips.*

¹⁴ *Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.*

¹⁵ *Their feet are quick to shed blood;*

¹⁶ *destruction and misery are in their ways;*

¹⁷ *and they don't know the way of peace.*

¹⁸ *There is no fear of God in their view of the world.*

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, in order to shut every mouth and make it so the whole world has to answer to God. ²⁰ It follows that no human being will be treated as righteous in his presence by doing what the Law says, because the knowledge of sin comes through the Law.

²¹ But now God's righteousness has been revealed apart from the Law, which is confirmed by the Law and the Prophets. ²² God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There's no distinction. ²³ All have sinned and fall

short of God's glory, ²⁴ but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ Through his faithfulness, God displayed Jesus as the place of sacrifice where mercy is found by means of his blood. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness in passing over sins that happened before, ²⁶ during the time of God's patient tolerance. He also did this to demonstrate that he is righteous in the present time, and to treat the one who has faith in Jesus as righteous.

Anthem

Stay Amazed

Birkenfield | Kuehn | Quintana | arr. Brown

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Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-24

¹¹ Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. ¹³ Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

¹⁴ "When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. ²¹ Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! ²³ Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting ²⁴ because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

The House that God Built: Justifying Grace

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

The 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. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Search Me, O God

~Hayes

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

Just As I Am

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Verse 1

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Verse 2

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Verse 3

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Verse 4

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Verse 5

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Verse 6

Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Sending Forth

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon

~Schrader

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