

Gathering Music: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

**Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God.
Come,**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow; Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.**

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Song: “Who Am I?”

**Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name,
Would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way for my ever wandering heart?**

Chorus: **Not because of who I am but because of what You've done.
Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are.
I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow,
A wave tossed in the ocean, vapor in the wind. Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling and You've told me who I am
I am Yours, I am Yours.**

**Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love and watch me
rise again? Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the
rain and calm the storm in me? *Chorus***

**I am Yours, Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
'Cause I am Yours, I am Yours**

Greeting/Announcements

Song: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

Refrain: **No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

**What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain***

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today's Worship Theme: Mark 6:30-44

- ◆ What made the Feeding of the 5,000 important enough to be included in all four Gospels?
- ◆ Why did Jesus bother telling his disciples to feed the crowd when they obviously could not?
- ◆ How does v. 30 affect the rest of this passage?
- ◆ Why does God sometimes attack His own promise in order to preserve it?

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Apostles' Creed

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made these new sisters members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive them with love and rejoice with them at their entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering

Prayers of the Church

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 and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Song: "Take to the World"

**Go in peace to love and to serve,
And let your ears ring long with what you have heard,
And may the bread on your tongue leave a trail of crumbs,
To lead the hungry back to the place that you are from.**

Chorus: And take to the world this love, hope and faith, Take to the world this rare relentless grace, and like the three in one, know you must become what you want to save, 'Cause that's still the way, He takes to the world.

**Go and go far, take light deep in the dark,
Believe what's true, use it all, even you,
And may the bread on your tongue leave a trail of crumbs,
To lead the hungry back to the place that you are from. Chorus**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of All your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pour out upon us, O Lord, the power of the Holy Spirit, to equip us, who cannot even exist without you, to be effective instruments of your gracious will. Drive us to cling in faith to your promise alone and thereby strengthen us to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (continued)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Faith Seeds Kayleen Jensen

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: “Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of Your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.”

When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Sermon “Attacking the Promise to Preserve It” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song: “You are Mine”

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice.

Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow Me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, And all will know My name. Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live. Refrain

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“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves; ... and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled.” Mark 6:41, 42