

TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: Life gives us moments that make us angry. God then teaches us what to do with our anger.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

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

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

C: Lord, we need Your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sin and pain and pray for a fresh start. Help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need Your mercy.

(Silence for personal reflection)

...HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Our God has heard the cries and felt your pain and has had mercy on us. God has seen our need and provided for our salvation; seen our condition and provided the solution; seen our heart and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for goodness.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 202 The Church's One Foundation

The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,
Like then, the meek and lowly. On high may dwell with thee.
Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-19a

Sincere commitment is expressed from Ruth to Naomi

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth

clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

In all things Jesus remains faithful

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

*If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.*

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus gives us the power to have an attitude of gratitude

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

[CHOIR ANTHEM "Are You Washed in the Blood?" by Hoffman](#)

[CHILDREN'S MESSAGE](#)

[SERMON SONG "Green Book" 448 Amazing Grace](#)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has bought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

[SERMON "What to do with our Anger" Ephesians 5:26](#)

[ANOTHER SERMON SONG "Green Book" 90 I Know That My Redeemer Lives](#)

[AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH](#)

C: I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love.....I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure.....I have faith in Jesus, who emptied Himself out of His love for me.....I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine, His resurrection is mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words and work.....I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love.....I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person. The Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel, and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength and against all adversity.....I

believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. Amen.

OFFERINGS

We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God in service.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the Lord.

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with his favor and give us peace.

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 227 Just a Closer Walk With Thee

*Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it Jesus if you please;
Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord let it be.*

*I am weak but Thou are strong Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk dear Lord, close to Thee.*

*Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it Jesus if you please;
Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord let it be.*

*Thru this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord who cares,
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.*

*Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it Jesus if you please;
Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord let it be.*

*When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;
On that bright eternal shore I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.*

*Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it Jesus if you please;
Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord let it be.*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC