

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beautiful Savior

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: do to some technical difficulties we were not able to get the next section (in red) recorded but pick it back up with the Old Testament reading.

OPENING HYMN “Green Book” 546 (vs. 1-4) When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries;
May Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs;
May Jesus Christ be praised! God’s holy house of prayer
Has none that can compare with “Jesus Christ be praised!”

To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love – possessed:
May Jesus Christ be praised! What e’er my hands begin,
This blessing shall break in: may Jesus Christ be praised!

No lovelier antiphon in all high heav’n is known
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!” There to the eternal Word
The eternal psalm is heard: oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

OPENING WORDS

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach me Your paths.

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

Ps. 84:10; 25:4; John 17:17

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: Jesus teaches a parable in today's readings about seed. In the parable Jesus points out that the seed falling on the good soils produces some a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty. Reflecting upon Jesus' teaching.....we think about the non-productive moments and parts of our own lives. We confess,

C: Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We recognize our sin and in this moment of silence, we privately remember our non-productive and shortcomings in love and life.

Silence for reflection

P: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God's word of truth comes power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love to us.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE "Red Book" 70 (Twice through)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me bless His holy name.
(repeat)

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13](#)

God's Word is productive and effective

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

As adopted children of God.....we have been set free!

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

A sower goes out to sow seed

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is

the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

APOSTLE’S CREED

**C: 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 was 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.**

SERMON

Unusual Farming Techniques

HYMN “Green Book” 261

On What Has Now Been Sown

On what has now been sown Your blessing, Lord, bestow:
The pow’r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
And yours alone shall be the praise!

To you our wants are known, From you are all our pow’rs
Accept what is your own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises Lord, and prayers receive
And to you Word a blessing give.

Oh, grant that each of us, Now met before you here,
May meet together thus When you and yours appear,

And follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

OFFERING (We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

COLLECTING MITES

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer**)

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Red Book" 9 Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
And the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.