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# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2019

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**AS WE GATHER...** Today is a new start for the Peace family. It is the beginning of Sunday School and our “normal” worship schedule. It is also the beginning of a four-week sermon series called “Family Ties.” We often share at Peace that we are a family of God. What are those special traits and attributes that we value and share as a family of God? What small actions bind us together as a family? Today we discover that words of affirmation are vital to any family—particularly a family of God. God affirms us once again today so that we can affirm our brothers and sisters in Christ in our life together.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHOIR ANTHEM: “*Let the Children Come*”

By Pepper Choplin

Let the children come unto Me, as they laugh and play. Lead them My way.

Let the children come unto Me. Do not turn them away.

Bring the children to Me.

Let the children come unto Me, as they run and shout, roudy and loud.

Let the children come unto Me. Do not turn them away.

Bring all the children to Me.

Tell them stories, full of wonder.

Teach them from their birth.

Tell the children they are My children, full of holy worth.

Nothing you do must cause them to stumble; live a life that’s true.

Show My love by how you love them.

They will see Me in you. (x5)

Let the children come unto Me, as you nurture and feed, guide and lead.

Let the children come unto Me. Do not turn them away (x2);

but let the children come unto Me, as they laugh and play, lead them my way.

Let the children come unto Me. Do not turn them away. Bring all the children to Me.

When they laugh and play, lead them My way.

When they run and shout, rowdy and loud; when you nurture and feed,  
guide and lead, let the children come, come to Me.

**PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS, TEACHERS &  
SUPERINTENDENTS**

**OPENING BLESSING AND FOCUS**

*Psalm 1*

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

C: Amen.

*Women: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked.*

Men: nor stands in the ways of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

*Women: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,*

Men: and on His law he meditates day and night.

*Women: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.*

Men: In all that he does, he prospers.

*Women: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

Men: Therefore the wicked will not stand in judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

*Women: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,*

Men: but the way of the wicked will perish.

**WE CONFESS**

L: Father in heaven, in Your mercy You call us to turn from our sinful ways and live.

*A time of silence is observed.*

L: We confess.

**C: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have run away from Your presence. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have turned our backs on Your love. Forgive us, Father. Draw us again to the cross of Your Son that we may be restored in our relationship with You.**

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are promised redemption and restoration in the presence of our Father, who hears our prayers, and for the sake of His Son, forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

**OPENING PRAISE SONG: “Shine Jesus Shine”**

Lord, the Light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. - *Refrain*

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me. - *Refrain*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. – *Refrain*

## FIRST LESSON:

## *Jonah 1*

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***We count the cost of being Jesus' disciples***

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear." .

**L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN: "How Great is our God"**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

*CHORUS: How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. – *CHORUS*

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**SERMON:**  
*“God’s Pattern of Love”*

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**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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.**

**OFFERING**

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**COLLECTION OF MITES**

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**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.**

L: For the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach into every corner of our broken world, that all who are running away from our heavenly Father turn from the path that leads to destruction, and by the Holy Spirit turn to Jesus for redemption and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Father, strengthen us to turn to You in repentance and faith.**

L: For all those within the Church of Jesus, both pastors and laity, that we join as one to share the restoring word of Jesus with those we are sent to serve, embodying the spirit of Paul's words to Philemon, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Father, grant that we know all the good things that come to us as we share Your word.**

L: For all those who seek restoration with others, that the message of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation not only be received in humble faith, but also shared within the relationships we have, knowing that every one of us is dependent upon Christ's mercy and love, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Father, help us to extend to others the mercy we receive from You.**

L: For all who are broken in heart, body, mind, and relationship, including those who are homebound, hospitalized, in care centers, awaiting surgery, and recovering from medical procedures, (especially...), that the Lord would refresh the hearts of His saints and work mightily for their good, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Father, grant healing and refreshments to all for whom we pray.**

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy. We pray these things through Your Son, Jesus, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

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***(v. 1,2,6,7)***

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice with us and Sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam;  
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:  
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
O lights of evening, find a voice.  
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And you, most kind and gentle death,  
Waiting to hush our final breath,  
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
You lead to heav'n the child of God,  
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod.  
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship God in humbleness.

Oh, praise him! Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**DISMISSAL**