



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
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The Worship of God

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Welcome, Announcements and Sharing of Our Vision

Lay Leader:

Preparing to Meet God

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Prelude...

Hearing Matthew's story of the hungry crowd, one might wonder about the planning skills of the disciples, or those in the crowd. Nobody seems to have been thinking of the needs of the crowd. As event planners, someone blew it here. That's not the point of this story, though. Planners or not, prepared or not, this is not what Jesus is addressing with his command, "You give them something to eat."

The lesson that Jesus teaches is TRUST – FAITH. Today, we plan such things with great care. Trying to provide for the needs of others, we calculate the cost and how much we can afford, but even then, we make our plans and decisions based on our beliefs. We act, we make commitments, and we send money to causes in which we believe, trusting that these acts will make a difference.

Jesus' disciples responded to him with "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish" – we don't have enough! We often operate from the belief that there is not enough. Jesus teaches us that in God's world there is enough, that we are to share because God provides all our needs. "You feed them. There is enough." This is an invitation to live with confidence that, in God's world, there is abundance, rather than scarcity.

Call to Worship

L: Some of the disciples would have sent us away. "We can not feed you" they insisted.

M: ***But the Master said, "Stay with us, and you shall eat."***

L: Come, let us open our baskets and combine the little food we have brought from our different homes.

W: ***To the crowds we can give our fish from the river and fowl from the air.***

L: Lift up the food, look to heaven and bless it in God's name.

A: ***Let us share with our brothers and sisters, that all the world may behold the power of God.***

*Hymn of Praise # 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies



*When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth's wide circle round, In joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky, From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song, Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

Prayer of Confession

O God, we know the satisfaction of being nurtured by your Son. And yet, we still go astray, only to find our hunger unsatisfied. Forgive us when we have walked away even as you invite us to partake of your blessings. Forgive us, too, for our failure to be in ministry, sharing your blessings with others. Feed us, Lord, till we want no more, and then send us forth to share our overflowing blessings with others. And now we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

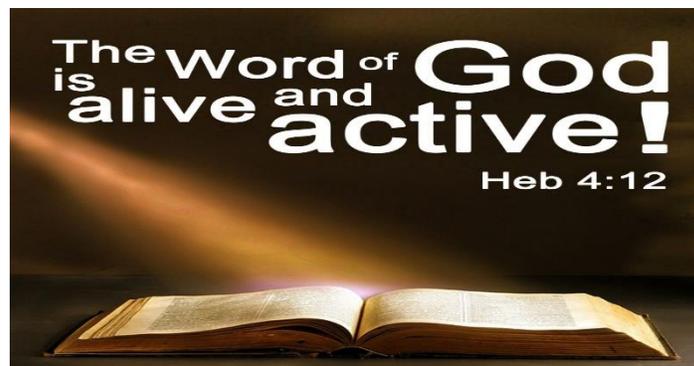
L: Hear the Good News: It is the will of God our Savior that all should find salvation and come to know the truth.

P: ***In Christ we have found salvation and the truth has been revealed to us.***

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel –

P: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

Meeting God in the Word



Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 17: 1-8, 15

A Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Special Music

Second Lesson

Matthew 14: 13-21

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

Time to Set the Table

Responding to the Word

***Hymn**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*



*Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
Bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus:

*I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down
at your feet. And anytime I don't know what to do,
I cast all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

The Invitation *You are invited to place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.*

Prayer of Dedication: *God of all time, you have entered into our time in Jesus Christ and you are with us now and always in the Spirit. Receive these tokens of our worldly resources and use them so that when they are a thing of the past, we may be received into your eternal and priceless home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving



Going Out to Serve God

* Blessing

L: The feeding of the 5,000 grew out of Jesus' tremendous compassion for the crowd. Let us go into the world, committed to live out that same call to have compassion.

P: *We have a story to tell; it is the story of God's grace. We have a meal to share; it is the nourishment of God's shalom.*

L: Live that story, and share that shalom, in all that you say and do. And may God's blessings be with you ...

*Response

*He Is Lord
He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

