



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
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The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Lay Leader:

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude....



There is something about this particular duet of stories in Mark that has always delighted me. Perhaps it is the prominent place of women, or at least the proximity to Jesus throughout. We hear of a woman who touches Jesus' cloak, and also an account of Jesus reaching out to touch the hand of a little girl, both of them precious to him. In that transfer of touch, Jesus spends his purity (for having been touched by a bleeding woman, and touching a dead girl, so he is now ritually defiled). But these precious children of God are simply more important to him than his purity. How telling that is of how Jesus saw himself, and gave of himself.

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: *And also with you.*

L: Seek first the kingdom of God,

P: *And all these things shall be added unto you.*

L: We have gathered to meet God on this wonderful day, desiring to experience the presence of the Spirit. Praise be to our God!

*Hymn of Praise

God Is Working His Purpose Out

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*God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be:
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

*From utmost east to utmost west, where human feet have trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God:
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."*

*Let us go forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world.
Let us all fight with sorrow and sin to set the captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

*All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed.
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide 'till God gives life to the seed.
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

Prayer of Confession

We want to be made whole, O God, assured that our sins are forgiven, and our lives secure in your love. Unfortunately, there are times when we feel unsure of our destiny. Forgive us when we are insincere in our commitment, and when our lives reflect less than genuine devotion to being your disciples. Speak to us and draw us close, that we would use our time, talents, and resources to spread the Good News of your Love. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News: How generous Christ is on our behalf. He was rich, yet for our sake, he became poor,

P: *So that we, through his poverty, might become rich.*

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 103: 1-18

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

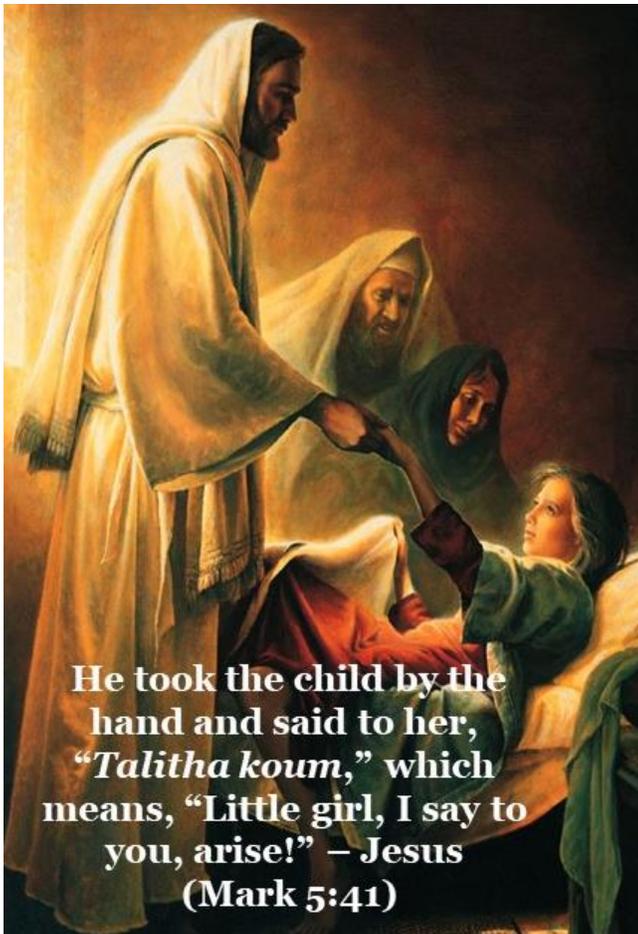
The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Second Lesson

Mark 5: 21-43

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed



He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" – Jesus (Mark 5:41)

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to

her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter,

James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

Risky Detours

Responding to the Word

*Hymn

O Savior, in This Quiet Place
Sung to the tune of Amazing Grace

794, red hymnal
Words on screen

*O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,
I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.*

*If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,
In prayer for others may I find the secret of release.*

*If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall,
Let me not brood upon my needs, but simply tell you all.*

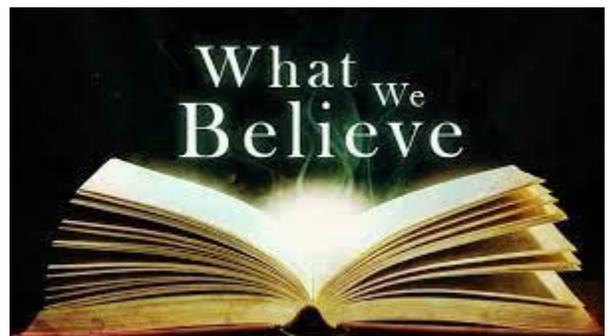
*You never said "You ask too much" to any troubled soul.
I long to feel your healing touch; will you not make me whole?*

*But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me,
May faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.*

*Of all my prayers, may this be chief: 'til faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.*

*Affirmation of Faith

***The basis of faith is desire.
The beginning of faith is commitment.
The heartbeat of faith is trust.
The privilege of faith is sharing.
The beauty of faith is acceptance.
The hope of faith is belief in God.
The joy of faith is the peace of God.
The reward of faith is the presence of God.
The focus of faith is the Son of God.
With all diligence, therefore,
I will keep the faith by which I am kept,
Through the Lord Jesus Christ.***



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



God provided all that we need, and so we are called to return a portion of our blessings to God to be used in God's service. We so appreciate all that each of you shares for our church's ministry. May we all give sacrificially for God's glory.

In gratitude for all that we have been given, we give our gifts to you, O God. May what we give bring comfort to one who is sorrowful, food to one who is hungry, kindness to one who is weary, warmth to one who needs shelter, and hope to those who long for the touch of your mercy. In our giving we give ourselves to you, O Lord. Amen.

Going Out to Serve

Closing Hymn

What Is the World Like? #771, *Glory to God* hymnal
Sung to I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art # 457, *blue* hymnal

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
Tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.*

*These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.*

Blessing

L: In this place, the healing we all need has begun.

P: *Now begins the healing of the world as we go out, taking the healing love of God with us, to share with those we meet.*

L: Do not be afraid to go where God calls you, for God goes with you.

P: *We will go in peace!*

L: And may the blessings of ...

Response

*He Is Lord - He is Lord, he is Lord. He has risen from the dead, And he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess, That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

