

Sermon

*'On Mission Again'
Series: Challenge and Hope*

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

****Doxology*** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Dismissing Hymn No. 529***

'O, How I Love Jesus'

(verses 1-2, 4)

****Benediction***

Postlude

'I Am Thine, O Lord'

~ Doane

We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in one of the boxes in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs. Thank you.

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”

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We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

Meditation

"He calls the church to cry to God for the presence of God's Spirit among us in order to fulfill their mission."

~ Martyn-Lloyd Jones

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)

Prelude

‘Gentle Shepherd’

~ Gaither

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 98:1-3, NRSV)

Jud Herter, Lay Assistant

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

People: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

Leader: The Lord has made known his victory;

People: he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

***Hymn No. 60**

‘Morning Has Broken’

***Praise Songs**

*‘This Is Amazing Grace’
‘Reckless Love’*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshipping Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

***Creed** *from the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 34 – The Holy Spirit*

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates men by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their comforter and sanctifier, gives to them the spirit of adoption and prayer, and performs all these gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption.

Special Music

‘Breath of Heaven’

Theresa Cunniff, Soprano Elizabethta Pucci, Accompanist

Scripture Reading

Haggai 1:12-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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