

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1, 2018

Worship Focus

Powerfully Weak – Riches Out of Poverty

You know the
generous act
of our
Lord Jesus Christ ...
for your sakes
he became poor,
so that
by his poverty
you might
become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9, NRSV

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OPENING HYMN

355 – Take the World, but Give Me Jesus



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name, But his love a - bides for -
com - fort of my soul, With the Sav - ior watch - ing
cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

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INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Lamentations 3:22-33

In the face of Jerusalem's destruction, the prophet trusts God's faithfulness and grace.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

²⁵ The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

²⁶ it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷ It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.

²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him.

²⁹ Let him bury his face in the dust-- there may yet be hope.

³⁰ Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace.

³¹ For men are not cast off by the Lord forever.

³² Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.

³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

PSALM

Psalm 30

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Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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Sing to the LORD, you | saints of his;
praise his | holy name.

For his anger lasts only a | moment,
but his favor lasts a | lifetime;

weeping may remain | for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the | morning.

Refrain

To you, O | LORD, I called;
to the Lord I cried for | mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merci | ful to me;
O LORD, | be my help.

You turned my wailing into | dancing,
that my heart may sing to you and not be | silent.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14

In a lesson on stewardship for the wealthy Corinthians, Paul highlighted the poverty of both the Macedonians and of Jesus as examples of trust and joyous generosity.

² CORINTHIANS 8:1 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. ⁶ So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich...

... ¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own. (465:1)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

As Jairus faced the poverty of the death of his daughter, he came to Jesus for the riches of a miracle and life.

MARK 5:21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him...

... ³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher any more?”

³⁶ Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

486 – Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'ring Which on
5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
of - f'ings Due by sol - emn right to you,
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand,
bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive,
need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day,
gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87.

SERMON

2 Corinthians 8:8,9

God Desires Our Joyful Generosity

1. It is evidence of our faith
2. It is motivated by Jesus

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, whose love never ceases and whose mercies have no end, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Brief silence

We give You thanks for the love that made and still sustains us. We praise You for the gift of redemption through Jesus Christ, who though He was rich for our sakes became poor, that by His poverty we might become rich. Help us to treasure Your grace in faithful hearts, and guide us to love You and serve You all the days of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send the light of Your Word and Your truth into all the earth. Raise up those who will hear Your call to serve as pastors, teachers, deaconesses and other church workers, and bless all who train them to serve the Word to Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless our nation as we celebrate our Independence Day this week. Remember in Your kindness our president, our governor, our mayor, and those who serve us in any public office, that all who hold positions of trust may serve Your holy will, for the protection of the weak, the promotion of virtue, and the establishment of peace and harmony here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Take away from us all prejudice and hate; help us to show Your compassion and love to all in need. Sanctify our homes with Your presence. Make them places of welcome and love in Christ. Bless husband and wife, parent and child, that we may live in Christ-like love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You are good to those who wait for You and to the souls of those who seek You. In accordance with Your will, heal the sick and relieve the suffering [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, at Your Son's call, the dead are restored to life and tears are banished. Give His comfort and peace to all who grieve the death of those they love and to all whose pilgrimage draws to a close. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, grant us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all praise and glory, now and to the end of all ages. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

489 – Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

1 Lord, you love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with
 2 We are yours— your mer - cy sought us, Found us
 3 Blessed by you with gifts and gra - ces, May we

o - pen heart and hand Bless - es free - ly, as
 in death's dread - ful way, To the fold in safe -
 heed your Spir - it's call, Glad - ly in all times

a riv - er That re - fresh - es all the land.
 ty brought us, Nev - er - more from you to stray.
 and pla - ces Give to you who gives us all.

Grant us, then, the grace of giv - ing With a
 Your own life was free - ly giv - en As an
 You have bought us; now no long - er Can we

spir - it large and true That our life and all
 of - f'ring on the cross For each sin - ner, now
 claim to be our own; Ev - er free and ev -

our liv - ing We may con - se - crate to you,
 for - giv - en From e - ter - nal shame and loss.
 er strong - er We shall serve you, Lord, a - lone.

Text: Robert Murray, 1832-1909, abr., alt.
 Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR (87.87 D) *The Christian Lyre*, New York, 1831.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Doxology (Romans 11)

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Soloist

*Oh the depth of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable his judgment
How unknowable his paths*

*Who knows the mind of our God
And who can bring council to Him?
Who has given to God
That God should repay?*

*For from Him, through Him
To Him, is everything*

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen*

CLOSING SONG

By Faith

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The congregation is invited to join in singing the closing song with the small group.

1 By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tions grand de -
 2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their
 3 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -
 4 By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the
 5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -
 sign in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness
 hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news,
 vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble.

7 1, 3. 2, 4, 5. Refrain
 who walk by faith and not by sight. We will
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign.
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth.
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the name.
 for all who call up - on His

10 stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our
 13 soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,
 16 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.