

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

THE BELIEVER HEARS JESUS' WARNINGS...

Count the cost of discipleship.

The Cost of DISCIPLESHIP

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OPENING HYMN

469 - Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
2 Take my hands and let them move At the
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a
5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -
be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.
Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

INVOCATION AND PRAYER



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



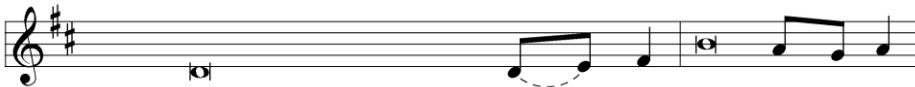
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

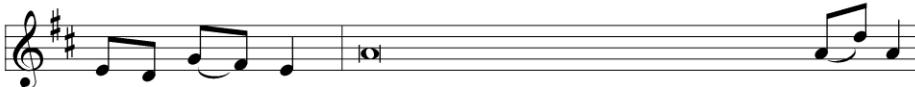


M: (General) Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

PRAYER AND PRAISE



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



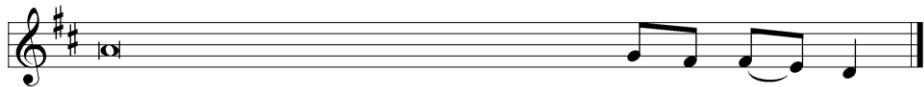
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 9:8-12

Wisdom knows both the cost of discipleship and the value of God's promised rewards.

PROVERBS 9:8 Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;
rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

⁹ Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still;
teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

¹⁰ "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

¹¹ For through me your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.

¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer."

PSALM

Psalm 19

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Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone

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The heavens declare the glo | ry of God;*
the skies proclaim the work | of his hands.

Their voice goes out into | all the earth,*
their words to the ends | of the world.

Refrain

The law of the LORD is | perfect,*
giving joy | to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are | radiant,*
giving light | to the eyes.

They are more pre | cious than gold;*
they are sweeter than | honey.

By them is your | servant taught;*
in keeping them there is | great reward.

Refrain

May the words of my mouth and the meditation | of my heart*
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re | deemer.

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 Philemon 1:1, 10-21

Each player in the book of Philemon has an opportunity to bear the cost of discipleship – Paul, the evangelist; Onesimus, the slave; and Philemon, the master.

PHILEMON 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

¹⁰I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. ¹⁵Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good— ¹⁶no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns all those who would come after him to count the cost of discipleship.

LUKE 14:25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

HYMN OF THE DAY

464 - Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory



1 Je - sus Christ, my pride and glo - ry, He, the true and
 2 Let me live to praise you ev - er, Je - sus, now my
 3 Grant me, Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it That in all I
 4 From all pain and im - per - fec - tion, Gra - cious Lord, de -



liv - ing light, Strength - ens me with glo - rious might.
 heart's de - light; You are lead - ing me a - right.
 fol - low him; Lest the light of faith grow dim.
 liv - er me; Heav - en's glo - ry let me see.



Christ, re - vealed in sa - cred sto - ry, Whom I now as
 Let me cling to you for - ev - er, All the flesh - ly
 Let me ev - er trust your mer - it; Let your bless - ing
 Keep me un - der your di - rec - tion That the grace you



Lord con - fess, Teach - es me true ho - li - ness.
 lusts de - ny, And the dev - il's hosts de - fy.
 me at - tend; From all e - vil me de - fend.
 gave to me I may praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711, abr.; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.

Tune: ACH, WAS SOLL ICH SÜNDER MACHEN (877 877) *Schäffer-Belustigung . . . Hirthen-Lieder*, Altdorf, 1653, alt.

SERMON

Hebrews 11:20-22

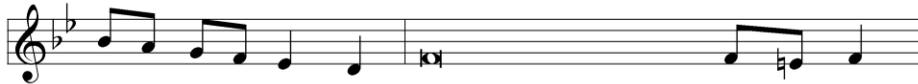
Faith Gets the Last Word

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



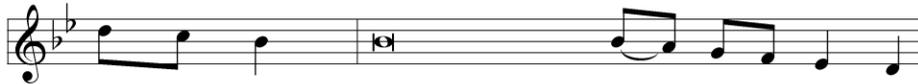
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



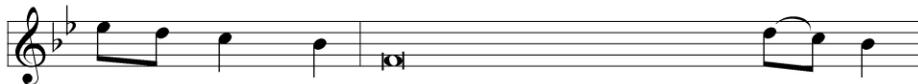
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



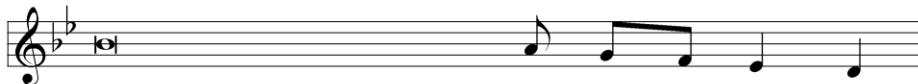
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



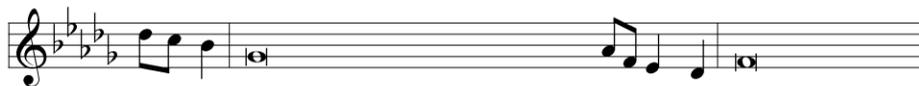
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



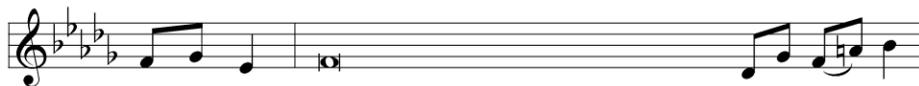
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We give You thanks, O Lord, for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us, and we have come at Your bidding to plead on behalf of all Your people in Christ and for all people as they have need.

Brief silence

Almighty God, You have surrounded us with Your love and favor and sent for angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, to do Your bidding on our behalf. We are grateful for the many ways that You watch over, protect, defend and keep us, Your people, against the forces of temptation, despair and evil. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, You have made all things and given the stewardship of creation to us. Make us wise and discerning as we explore the mysteries of Your creative power throughout the world You have made, and keep us from abusing both the gift and the responsibility we have to You and to all creation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You know our weakness and the violence, hatred and prejudice that rules our sinful hearts. Bring to nothing the plans of all those who seek war or act in violence against others, and preserve our nation and our world in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows even to death. Hear us on behalf of all those who suffer illness and affliction of body or mind, and grant them relief, comfort and healing according to Your gracious will. [*Especially do we pray for _____.*] Bless also the caregivers in hospitals, nursing facilities and homes, that they may act with compassion toward those in need of care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, You hold time and eternity in Your hand. We give You thanks and praise for the mighty saints who went before us, leaving us a legacy of faith and faithfulness. Guard us against the distractions of the moment, that we may daily seek Your face here on earth until that day when Christ comes in His glory to bring to completion all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering Your mercy and rejoicing in Your gifts, we offer You the song of praise, the voice of thanksgiving and the service of our hands, along with the prayers we pray, trusting that You will grant us all things good and beneficial and keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation. With angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, and with all the heavenly host, we seek only to do Your will and to adore You as God above all gods, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **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

454 - I Gave My Life for Thee



1 I gave my life for thee; My pre - cious
 2 My Fa - ther's home of light, My rain - bow -
 3 I spent long years for thee, In wea - ri -
 4 I suf - fered much for thee, More than my
 5 And I have brought to thee Down from my



blood I shed That thou might'st ran - somed be
 cir - cled throne, I left for earth - ly night,
 ness and woe That an e - ter - ni - ty
 tongue may tell, Of bit - t' rest ag - o - ny,
 home a - bove Sal - va - tion full and free,



And quick - ened from the dead. I gave my
 For wan - d'rings sad and lone. I left it
 Of joy thou might - est know. I spent long
 To res - cue thee from hell. I suf - fered
 My par - don and my love. Great gifts I



life for thee; Come, give thy - self to me!
 all for thee; Come now and fol - low me!
 years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.
 much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.
 brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.

6 Oh, let thy life be spent,
 Thy years for me be giv'n,
 As I for thee was sent
 To bear thee home to heav'n.
 I gave my life for thee;
 Come, give thy life to me.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.
 Tune: OLD 120TH (66 66 66) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1592.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.



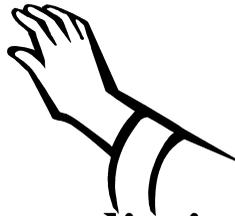
M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.



Benediction

CLOSING HYMN

758 – Blest Are They

The small group will sing the verses and the first refrain.

The congregation is invited to sing all other refrains.



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones;
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy;
 4 Blest are they who seek peace;
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate



Theirs is the king - dom of God.
 They shall in - her - it the earth.
 Mer - cy shall be theirs.
 They are the chil - dren of God.
 All be - cause of me. Re -



Blest are they, full of sor - row;
 Blest are they, who hun - ger and thirst;
 Blest are they, the pure of heart;
 Blest are they who suf - fer in faith; the
 joyce and be glad. Yours is the king - dom;



They shall be con - soled.
 They shall have their fill.
 They shall see God!
 glo - ry of God is theirs.
 Shine for all to see.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you; ho - ly are you. Re -

joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God.

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



