



I Believe in Jesus Christ: Our Teacher, Example, and Redeemer

Dr. Tim Bruster

Matthew 16:13-18

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

April 22, 2018

WE GATHER

Welcome

Prelude – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Theodore Beck, arranger

*Call to Worship

As persons of faith, we do not simply believe in Jesus as the Christ of God with intellectual assent, but look to Jesus to teach us how God would have us live.

Jesus Christ, our teacher, our example, our redeemer.

As persons of faith, we do not simply follow our own ways without regard for the importance of our actions in our daily living. We look to Jesus as our example of how God would have us live.

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As persons of faith, we do not simply admire a good man or respect Jesus' teachings, we understand Jesus as God's self-revelation and the means of grace to our own salvation in this life and in the life to come.

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Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 568 – Christ for the World We Sing

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with loving **zeal**; the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
for Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with fervent pray'r; the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with one accord; with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song; the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Word of the Day:
Jesus

Memory Verse:
Jesus Christ, our
teacher, our
example, our
redeemer.

– From the Korean
Statement of faith

"Zeal" means
great energy
or enthusiasm.
We sing about
having energy for
spreading Jesus'
love throughout
the world.

* A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

* 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. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture — Matthew 16:13-18

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

* Passing the Peace

* Hymn — Jesus Asked One Day

Sung to "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Jesus asked one day, "What do others say? Who do people tell you that I am?"

His disciples said, "John — back from the dead, Or a prophet sent by God's own hand."

Refrain — Lord and Savior, you are the One who bore the cross; May we follow, serving you no matter what the cost.

He said, "Tell me, then, who you say I am." Peter answered, "You are God's own Son."

Jesus said, "You Rock! You're the building block That my church will be established on."

Refrain

Jesus told his friends, "See how love extends: I must suffer, die and then be raised."

Peter disagreed: "That can never be. God's Messiah will know glorious days!"

Refrain

Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, then. Those who cling to life will surely die. Come and follow me! I will make you free. Seek God's kingdom and you'll find new life."

Refrain

Scripture: Each week we read from the Bible — the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self — a true servant of God.

You can listen as the scripture is read, or... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.



Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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Did you just hear a word or phrase you don't understand? Write it down and ask your parents about it, or look it up when you get home.

Draw a map of the sermon.

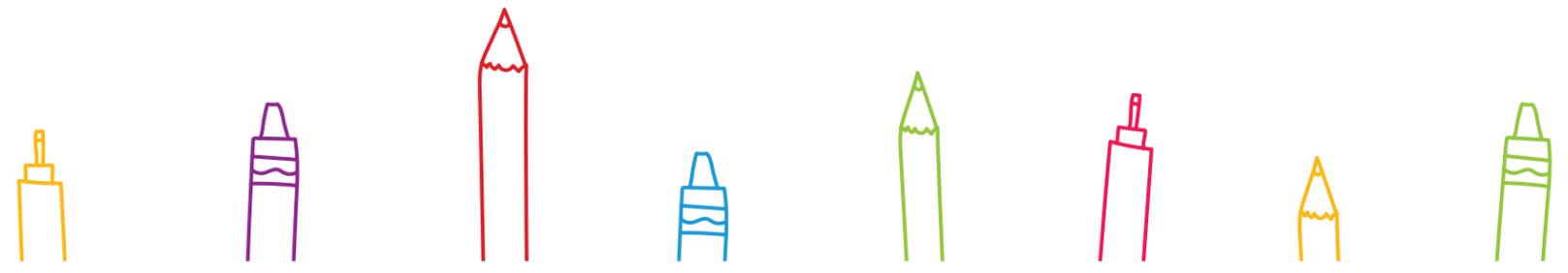
Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.

Along the way, draw important images or words you hear.

Look around.
What is something you see that helps you know God's love is real?

Write a "Thank You" Note to God.

Imagine you are the one giving the sermon. What would you tell everyone?



WE RESPOND

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Introduction

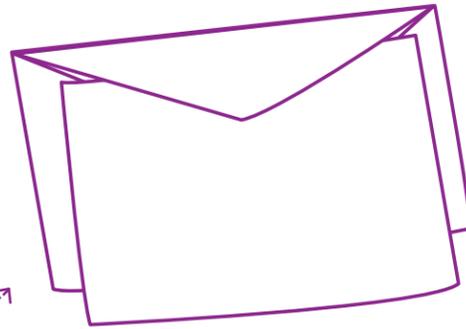
Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Offertory – For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter, composer

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the envelope in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross in your worship kit. The cord has five knots, and there are five parts to the prayer Jesus taught his friends. Hold each knot between your thumb and forefinger as you say the different parts of the 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.

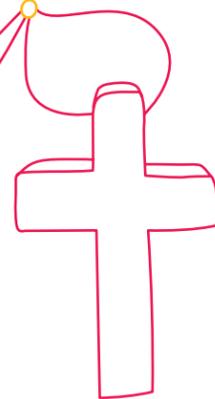
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

FOR Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.



Breaking the Bread and Lifting the Cup

Special Communion Music – I Will be a Child of Peace

Elaine Hagenberg, composer

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 580 – Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords' loud clashing or roll of stirring drums with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do? We will go out to be God's people in the world. May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

Congregational Closing – Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now, With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Postlude – Postlude in G Major

George Frideric Handel, composer

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Tim Bruster Senior Pastor

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

Liturgists: Rev. Chuck Graff, Rev. Phyllis Barren, Mr. Matthew Roth

Choir: Singing Women of First Church

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Caroline Herron, helper

Procession Leader: Lylah Mills

Acolyte: Katherine Johnson

*Please stand as you are able.

How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?

WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.
God loves you, and so do I.
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

