THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/EDUCATION SUNDAY

Restoration for Runaways

AS WE GATHER

The book is only twenty-one verse, but the impact of today’s Epistle is powerful! In his shortest New Testament letter, Paul appeals to a slave owner named Philemon on behalf of a repentant runaway named Onesimus. Within this bold appeal is the powerful display of Christ’s work of redemption for all who seek the renewed favor of their master. The death and resurrection of Jesus make an appeal on our behalf before the Father. For we, like Onesimus, have run away from Him. And we, like Onesimus, are offered restoration, full and free, when we come into Jesus’ presence in humble repentance and faith. Let’s do that together this day! As repentant runaways, let’s gather to receive the restoration our Master alone can give!
GATHERING SONG

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come; Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

**CHORUS:** I'll bring You more than a song,  
For a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.  
I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath. **CHORUS**

※ PREPARATION ※

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SONG

SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love:  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.
OPENING SENTENCES  Philemon 3, 6

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: By God’s grace and peace, let us receive “the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father in heaven, in Your mercy You call us to turn from our sinful ways and live.
People: We confess that we have run away from Your presence. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have turned our backs on Your love. Forgive us, Father. Draw us again to the cross of Your Son that we may be restored in our relationship with You.
Pastor: Father, hear now the silent prayers of confession that we bring before You.

In a time of silence, we bring our sins to Jesus, our Savior.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are promised redemption and restoration in the presence of our Father, who hears your prayers, and for the sake of His Son, forgives you all your sins. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

* WORD *

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
(The Lord is your life!)

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
PSALM  Psalm 1

Pastor:  Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
People:  nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
Pastor:  but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
People:  and on His law he meditates day and night.
Pastor:  He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
People:  In all that he does, he prospers.
Pastor:  The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
People:  Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
Pastor:  for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
People:  but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Epistle: Philemon 1-21
(Paul appeals on behalf of a repentant runaway.)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier and to the church that meets in your home:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints. Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I appeal to you on the basis of love. I then, as Paul—a man who now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I 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. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good—no 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. So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes
you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Lector:  This is the Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Congregation, please rise for the Holy Gospel.

VERSE  Galatians 6:14

Pastor:  Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
People:  by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.

We count the cost of being Jesus’ disciples.)

Pastor:  The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.
People:  Glory to You, O Lord.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "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. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "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? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, `This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'
"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? If 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. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.
"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.
"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Pastor:  This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People:  Praise to You, O Christ.
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jenna Lawrenz

SONG OF THE DAY

CHANGE MY HEART, OH GOD

Espinosa

Change my heart, Oh God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, Oh God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; This is what I pray.

SERMON

“How Far Does Grace Go?”

Pastor John Larson

TEXT: Philemon 1-21

NICENE CREED

Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PASTOR: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
PEOPLE: And also with you.

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS AND STAFF (SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE)

OFFERING

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Gary Sadler | Jamie Harvill

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

CHORUS: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth Shall declare Your glory
                 Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne In worship
                 You will be exalted O God And Your kingdom shall not pass away
                 O Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days CHORUS

Your kingdom shall reign Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days (Repeat)

CHORUS
HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.
PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.


Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13 Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

THE WAY (NEW HORIZON) Smith/Bashta/Barrett

Through every battle Through every heartbreak Through every circumstance
I believe That You are my fortress Oh, You are my portion
And You are my hiding place, oh I believe You are

CHORUS: The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are The way, the truth,
the life I believe (You are)

Through every blessing Through every promise Through every breath I take
I believe That You are Provider You are Protector
And You are the One I love, I believe you are CHORUS

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I believe (You are) CHORUS
YOU NEVER LET GO

Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life I won't turn back I know You are near

CHORUS: And I will fear no evil—For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear—Whom then shall I fear
Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go—In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go—Lord You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes We'll live to know You here on the earth CHORUS

I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You—Still I will praise You

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go—In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go—Lord You never let go of me

HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US Townend

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom
GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION  Based on Philemon 3, 6

Pastor:  Grace go with you and peace flow through you, for they are gifts from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People:  By God’s grace and peace, we have been blessed with “the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”
Pastor:  The Lord bless you and keep you.
People:  Amen.

CLOSING SONG  HEAVEN IS IN MY HEART  Graham Kendrick

CHORUS:  Oh!... heaven is in my heart, Oh!... heaven is in my heart
          Oh!... heaven is in my heart, Oh!... heaven is in my heart

The kingdom of our God is here (Heaven is in my heart)
The presence of His majesty (Heaven is in my heart)
And in His presence joy abounds (Heaven is in my heart)
The light of holiness surrounds (Heaven is in my heart)  CHORUS

His precious life on me He spent (Heaven is in my heart)
To give me life without an end (Heaven is in my heart)
In Christ is all my confidence (Heaven is in my heart)
The hope of my inheritance (Heaven is in my heart)  CHORUS

We are a temple for His throne (Heaven is in my heart)
And Christ is the foundation stone (Heaven is in my heart)
He will return to take us home (Heaven is in my heart)
The Spirit and the Bride say come (Heaven is in my heart)  CHORUS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS
PRESENTATION OF CATECHISMS TO 7th GRADERS
SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

DISMISSAL

Pastor:  Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
People:  Thanks be to God.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILEMON 1:3
## Serving in Worship

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...welcome him as you would welcome me.

*PHILEMON 1:17, NRSV*