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WELCOME

HUMBLE THYSELF: CONFESSION OF SINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

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WL: Satan is maliciously creative as he tries to deceive us and lead us to sin. Consider the Garden of Eden. “Did God really say...” (Genesis 3:1)—he takes God’s own words and twists them into a different perspective, one which God did not intend. This carried on after Adam and Eve fell into sin; they started passing the blame to God. “The serpent deceived me, and I ate!” (Genesis 3:13). Satan twisted and warped the truth and by so doing also their minds. “The woman YOU put here with me gave it to me and I ate!” (Genesis 3:12). Adam and Eve became bitter and began seeing God as the enemy. Satan still twists the truth, twists our perception and uses bitterness to mislead us into seeing God as the enemy and direct us to sin. This morning we will set ourselves aside, humble ourselves and confess our sins in prayer and in song.

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C: Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you in more ways than I can count. I have sinned in my thoughts, by my words and with my actions. There are sins I know I have done and sins that I do not know I have done. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Call me from the darkness into your wonderful light. Assure me of your love for me, cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

WL: God is love; the one who abides in love abides in him and God abides in them. By this perfect love—perfected through the perfect life and innocent death of Christ Jesus—every sin has been washed away. You are righteous in God’s sight. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness. May his love drive out all fear and doubt, and overflow as you pour out that love on others and live your life in worship of the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Amen.

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FIRST LESSON

James 2:1-13

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8

¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.

⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live

according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

"BLESSED BE YOUR NAME"

[Verse 1]

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore you
Hope of a life
Spent with you

[Chorus]

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

[Verse 2]

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You've created
All for love's sake
Became poor

[Chorus]

[Bridge x2]

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sins upon that Cross
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[Chorus]

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GUIDANCE FOR THE JOURNEY:

WORSHIP

According to a recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, 80% of us in the United States feel “things in the country are out of control” on account of effects from the coronavirus pandemic, unemployment being at a level not seen since the Great Depression, and protests continuing across the U.S. In addition to those headline items, all of us have matters before us on the journey of our personal lives. And so, considering what’s going on in the headlines and in our personal lives, some have commented, “It’s a crazy time.”

*How does one make it through such a time as this?
How do Christians travel this part of the journey of their lives?*

The Bible tells us about a large group of God’s people on a journey. They were the Nation of Israel after God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. They had present and future challenges before them. However, they were blessed with relationship with God and with one another. To use the current slogan, they were “in it together.”

But how did they make their way? How did they do the journey?

The Bible tells us that God guided them. One of the ways through which God guided Israel was through what we call the Ten Commandments. God used the Ten Commandments to direct Israel in their relationship with him and with one another.

For this year’s summer message series—during this “crazy time”—may God use our exploration of the Ten Commandments to guide us through this segment of our life’s journey.

EXODUS 20:8

⁷ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

PRAYER

Pastor Kevin will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

“YOU ARE MY VISION”

[Verse 1]

You are my vision, O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord
You are my best thought
by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping,
Your presence, my light.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 2]

You are my wisdom, You are my true word,
I ever with You, and You with me Lord:
You're my great Father and
I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me,
together we're one.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 4]

I don't want riches or man's empty praise:
You're my inheritance, now and always;
You, and You only,
the first in my heart:
High King of heaven,
my treasure You are.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 5]

High King of heaven, when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

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BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

-*UPDATED*- If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the this series, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our playlist on Spotify. This playlist will be updated throughout the series.

----- “Grace CREWW – Guidance for the Journey” -----

You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app. To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the search bar and you will see a camera icon, tap the camera and then hover the camera over this code:



WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊*



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