

February 11, 2018
Last Sunday after Epiphany

GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

Gathering Song

Fairest/Fairest Lord Jesus

Munster Gesangbuch (1677) Crusader's Hymn (1842)
arr. Glenn Packiam (2004)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

REFRAIN: *You are fairer than the fairest of ten thousand,
lovelier than all I've ever seen.*

*You are brighter than the brightest star in heaven;
Jesus, You're everything to me; Jesus You're everything to me.*

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

LEADER: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

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Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

REFRAIN x2: *You are fairer than the fairest of ten thousand,
lovelier than all I've ever seen.*

*You are brighter than the brightest star in heaven.
Jesus, You're everything to me; Jesus, You're everything to me.*

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, questions 1-4

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ALL: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

LEADER: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

ALL: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

LEADER: How do you come to know your misery?

ALL: The law of God tells me.

LEADER: What does the law require of us?

ALL: Christ teaches us this summary in Matthew 22—
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.
All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon

Romans 5:6-8

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—
but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Worship Singing

Gloria Patri

2nd century | Greatorex

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it as in the beginning is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson/Nettleton (1825)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when free from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face.
Clothèd then in blood washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry. Take my ransomed soul away.
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

Reception of New Members

(11:00) Tim & Teresa Petricka

Worship through Giving

text give to 828.398.4805

Musical Offering

Your Hands

JJ Heller and Katheryne Herzig (2008)

Sung by Brooke Lefevre

*I have unanswered prayers, I have trouble I wish wasn't there
And I have asked a thousand ways that You would take my pain away
You would take my pain away*

*I am trying to understand how to walk this weary land
Make straight the paths that crooked lie oh Lord, before these feet of mine
Oh Lord, before these feet of mine*

REFRAIN: *When my world is shaking, heaven stands
When my heart is breaking
I never leave Your hands*

*When You walked upon the earth, You healed the broken, lost and hurt
I know You hate to see me cry, One day You will set all things right
Yeah, one day You will set all things right **REFRAIN***

*Your hands that shaped the world are holding me
They hold me still*

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They hold me still **REFRAIN***

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

James: Undefined Religion

Chad Smith

James 1:19-27 (NASB) | *The Law of Liberty*, part two

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and undefined religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

MAIN IDEA

Pure and undefined religion means
listening empathically and treating others compassionately.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gluten/Soy-free crackers are in the paper liners of each tray.

(CUP) Worship Singing


There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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text: Frederick Faber (1854)
music: Anthony D. Moore (2010)

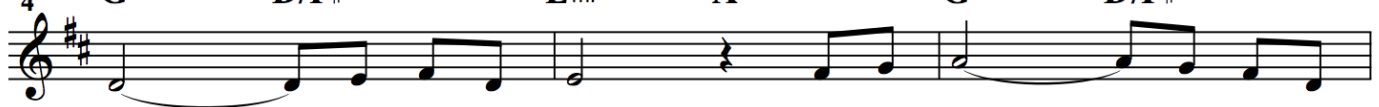
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GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing