



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10, 2020

AS WE GATHER: Our new sermon series is entitled *Misquoted*. It is all too easy to allow our culture to blind us to the magnificent—if sometimes hard-to-swallow—truths of Scripture. This four-week series delves into some popular misunderstandings about what the Bible has to say and what Christianity is really all about. We will tackle some difficult and controversial topics, but always with both eyes fixed on what the Bible *actually* says.

OPENING HYMN #803

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountain-head of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Pastor: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
People: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
People: For You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
People: Merciful Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, undeserving of Your mercy. We admit that we have sinned against You in countless ways. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always been the family members we could be, taking for granted the gifts that come to us through our mothers and other Christian women. We have not always given our family lives the priority they should have and have been thoughtless in our words and careless in our deeds. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that

each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him in contrition. In kindness and love, He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #895

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, it is by Your grace that we are nurtured and grow. Look with favor upon Your people as they live out their callings to Your glory. Bless all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and aunts as they give expression to their faith in You through the witness of their words and the testimony of their lives. Give courage, patience, and strength to all who have special vocations of care and responsibility that Your people may know peace and joy in every generation. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Thank you, God, for my Mom!" Miss Heidi

FIRST READING

Philippians 3:7-14

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:3-10

³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and

covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Who Are You?”
Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY #658

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The
third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us come before the Lamb and His throne and bring to Him the prayers of all His people and everyone according to their needs.

Shepherd of love, You have delivered us from our sins and from the power of death and made us Your people forever. Give to us Your Spirit that we know the fullness of Your goodness now until we know Your joy forever in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from all our enemies, keep us in safe amid the dangers, disease and terrors of this mortal life, and bring us to everlasting life through Christ, our Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give wisdom to those who lead us in this land, peace to the nations, courage to pursue justice for all people, and protection for those who protect and defend us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Wipe every tear from Your people, and give to the sick and those who suffer in mind or in body healing, comfort, strength, and patience according to Your gracious will. Give peace to the dying, and comfort the grieving in their sorrow and loss. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, thank you for the gift of mothers, bless them in their ongoing vocation of love, prayer and sacrifice for their children of all ages, and grant that their labors might remind us of the new life You have given us through Christ and His Bride, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #912

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.