

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“The Cost of Discipleship”

October 4, 2020

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

**In the cross of Christ I glory
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime**

**When the woes of life o’ertake me
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy
Never shall the cross forsake me
Lo, it glows with peace and joy**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified
Peace is there that knows no measure
Joys that through all time abide**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 80:1, 14–15, 7*

Pastor: Give ear, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!
People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Pastor: Turn again, God of hosts!
People: Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,
the stock that Your right hand planted.

Pastor: Restore us, God of hosts;
People: **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

People: **Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE “My Chains are Gone”

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
was blind but now I see**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed**

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free
my God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
the sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
will be forever mine

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,

for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Pastor: Our next hymn features a text that was written by Calvin Chao, a Chinese Christian leader in the twentieth century. During his life, his faith led him to leave his homeland and to work with others who had been displaced from China and had relocated to the United States. The words of “All for Christ I Have Forsaken” sum up the personal sacrifice that Chao made to further his work in the vineyard of the Lord.

**All for Christ I have forsaken and have taken up my cross
Worldly joy, its fame and fortune, now I count as worthless dross**

**Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus? No good thing in Him I lack!
Hand to plow, at peace I follow where He leads me...why look back?**

**Gone the past, unknown the future, grace supplies my daily breath
Strong in Christ through death’s dark valley, firm and faithful unto death**

**When God takes me home to heaven, should this be the day I die
God will keep my spouse and children as the apple of His eye**

**Though the road ahead be thorny, though dark clouds all light obscure
Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper, with the Lord, I am secure**

THE MESSAGE “The Cost of Discipleship” Pastor Hesham Shehab

OFFERING HYMN “Give Me Jesus”
Kerby Kerber, vocalist

PRAYERS

LORD’S 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 and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Lord's peace always be with you.

People: Amen.

We believe and teach that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Through these gifts the forgiveness of our sins is communicated and our faith is strengthened.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing
The people of God from His dwelling take leave
The Supper is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe**

**The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching
Shall blossom in action for God and for all
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring
Embracing His children of each tribe and race**

**With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us
Unite us as one in this life that we share
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear**

OFFERING OF GOD'S GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Our building is closed but the Lord's ministries continue! At this time, offerings may be mailed to the church: Address: 21W500 Butterfield Rd. Lombard, IL. 60148. A link to submit an offering online may be found in the weekly e-newsletter, or on our website: www.peacehome.org.
Thank you for your faithful support!

Prayer Page – 10/04/2020

Peace's Prayer Ministry has a number of options available for your prayer needs: During the week, you may contact the Church Office (630.627.1101) or e-mail office@peacehome.org to have prayers listed on the Prayer Page and included during worship services. You may also contact the Peace Prayer Chain Ministry directly 24/7 via e-mail at prayerchain@peacehome.org which goes out to over 35 partners in prayer.

Thanksgiving

...for completed proton beam radiation treatment for prostate cancer for **John H.**

...on the birth of **Lucille Grace S.** (granddaughter of Dave U. and Elizabeth Q.) born on September 13

Healing & Care

...for **Amy H.** (wife of Marty) recovering from breast cancer surgery this past Monday

...for **Stuart** (brother of Pamela B.) in critical condition with an infection

...for **Marty H.** as he continues to heal from Covid

...for **Robert P.** (son of Shirley P.) diagnosed with kidney cancer and awaiting surgery

...for **Liz H.** who is recovering from a third leg surgery in 6 months

...for **Alyssa A.** (granddaughter of John and Shirley K.) entering the hospital this week for a port insertion for chronic pain treatment

...for **Audrey B.** (mother of Karen H.) suffering from progressive dementia

...for **Clara**, a baby born with heart and lung issues, recovering from surgery

...for **Amanda** (wife of Chris M.) recovering from an infection

...for **Samantha** (friend of Anne-Marie G.) diagnosed with lung cancer

...for **Mark S.** undergoing treatment for a recurrence of lung cancer

...for **Devon J.** (son of Chris J.) recovering from a hospitalization

...for **Heather H.** (daughter-in-law of Ken and Marilyn G.) undergoing treatment for cancer

...for **Irene W.** in treatment for a recurrence of breast cancer

...for **Greg D.** diagnosed with bladder cancer

...for **Gloria F.** (mother of Jamie F.) recovering from surgery after a fall and broken back

...for **Mary Anne N.** and **Barbara S.** (mother of Fred S.) on hospice care

Nation and World

...for an end to the pandemic, recovery from natural disasters, peace from human violence, wisdom for our leaders, economic recovery, hope and strength for all