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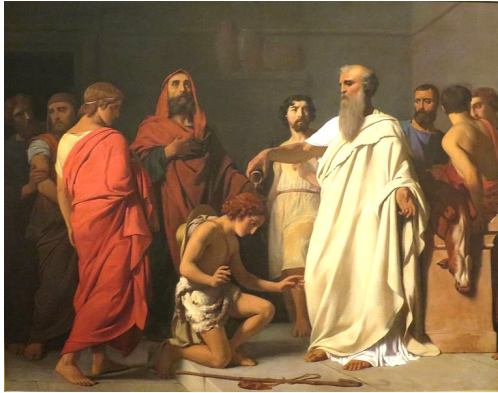
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



June 13, 2021
Third Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

ORGAN PRELUDE -----Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP -----Psalm 51:10-17

Liturgist Phil Ferber

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and right spirit within me.

People: **Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And sustain in me a willing spirit.

People: **Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
And sinner will return to you.**

Leader: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,
And my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

People: **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

Leader: For you have no delight in sacrifice;
Were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be please.

People: **The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Here is the citadel of all my desiring, where my hopes are born and all the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings. In this center, my fears are nourished, and all my hates are nurtured. Here my loves are cherished, and all the deep hungers of my spirit are honored without quivering and without shock.

In my heart, above all else, let love and integrity envelop me until my love is perfected and the last vestige of my desiring is no longer in conflict with thy Spirit. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen. (*by Howard Thurman*)

HYMN -----“Lift High the Cross”

(*refrain*) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. (*refrain*)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (*refrain*)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (*refrain*)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (*refrain*)

PASTORAL PRAYER----- Rev. Jenkins

THE 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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME ----- Rev. Jenkins

SPECIAL MUSIC -----“O Sing to God Above” ----- by Rachel Chapin

Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON -----I Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'

Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in.

Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

SERMON -----“Heart Bellowed Like a Calf” ----- Rev. Jenkins

INVITATION

HYMN -----“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart. Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart. Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart. Lord I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart. Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE -----Dr. Jessica Scott

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The Upper Room for July/August

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