

# Lessons from The Last Week of Jesus' Life

Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew 22:1-14

Matthew 21:28-32

Matthew 25:31-46

Matthew 22:15-22

Matthew 21:33-46

October 18, 2020, 9:30 & 11AM  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Life at Grace Announcements

### Opening Voluntary

"Trumpet Tune in D"

David Johnson

### Call to Worship *(responsive)*

*from Psalms 24 & 50*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.

**For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

"Every wild animal of the forest is mine," says the Lord, "the cattle on a thousand hills.

**"I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine."**

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of his people God shines forth!**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

### Opening Prayer

### Hymn 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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**1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!**

**3 Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

## Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

You have made us for yourself, O God, and called us to be a covenant people - a people set apart. We are set apart not for privilege but for service; not for special rights but for responsibility. Our loyalty is to you and your kingdom. Forgive us Lord, when our values and priorities, our pursuits and passions, do not reflect your heart - a heart of love for the poor, a heart of justice for the maligned, a heart of compassion for the broken. Transform us, merciful Savior, in those places where we are still attracted to the culture's agenda of power, money, beauty and influence. Save us from serving unworthy gods, from chasing after fleeting affections, from investing our days in the temporary rather than the eternal. Thank you for the call to be yours and for the grace to live that call. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

*Jeremiah 33:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my law within them, I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

**We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more.**

## Response (Hymn 582) “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### Praise

“Indescribable”

*by Jesse Reeves and Laura Story*

#### Verse 1

*From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming*

#### Chorus 1

*Indescribable uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful untamable awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God*

#### Verse 2

*Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom*

#### Interlude

*You are amazing God*

## **Chorus 2**

**Indescribable uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable unchangeable You see the depths of my heart And You love me the same  
You are amazing God**

## **Ending**

**You see the depths of my heart And you love me the same you are amazing God  
(REPEAT)**

**You see the depths of our hearts and you love us the same you are amazing God**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## **Message**

"What Belongs to God?"

## **Praise**

"Who You Say I Am"

by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

## **Verse 1**

**Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me**

## **Chorus 1**

**Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God Yes I am**

### Verse 2

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me

### Chorus 2

In my Father's house There's a place for me, I'm a child of God Yes I am

### Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am

### Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

## Affirmation of Faith

*from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Pastoral Prayer, Quilt Prayer, and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Time of Commitment

### Tithes & Offerings

"Simple Gifts"

*arr. Virgil Fox*

### Doxology

### Prayer of Dedication

### Hymn 370

"This Is My Father's World"

*TERRA BEATA*

1 This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

"Toccata"

*John Weaver*

Participating in Worship		
Rev. Dr. Tracey Davenport		Pastor, Head of Staff
Michael King		Director of Music Ministries
Trenton Hull		Worship Leader
Andrew Packard		Organist
Rev. John Blacklock		Liturgist
Valerie Goldsmith		Soprano
Roy Davis		A/V
Mark Kinney		A/V
Deann Collins		A/V

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in celebration of our in person worship service!"

The quilt in the Sanctuary is for Pieter Blonk, in memory of his mother, Hendrika Blonk-van Oudheusden. Please say a prayer for Pieter and his family.