

Classic Bible Stories Retold

October 1, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Community Gathers before God

Gathering Song

by Ken Medema



God of the word, now let the word be spo-ken. Word of our God, come vis-it us with grace.



Rise like a fra - grance, like a chord of mu - sic, fill - ing all this ho - ly place.

Out of the babble that surrounds us, out of the chaos that's within,

Where can we go to find our meaning? Is there a place we can begin? REFRAIN

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord, how manifold are Your works!

In wisdom You have made us all;

the earth is full of Your creation.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

We look to You to give us food in due season;

when You open Your hand, we are filled with good things.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

When You send forth Your spirit, we are created;

You renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

- from Psalm 104

+Hymn 312

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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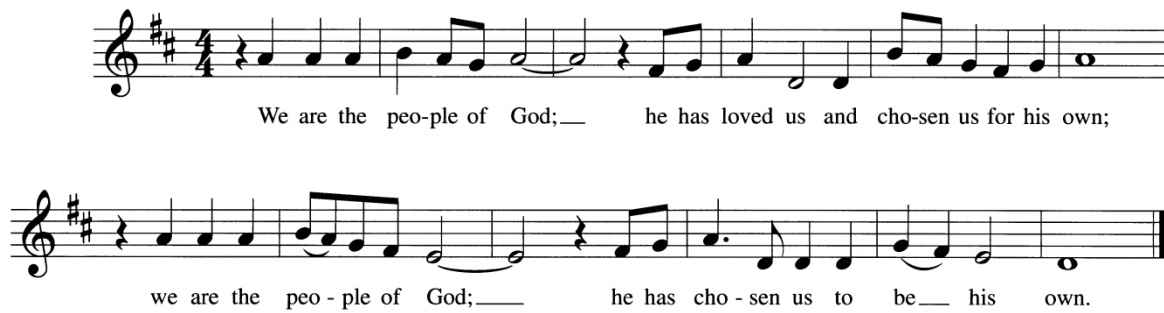
+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*...to live as Your beloved children, those You have called and claimed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+Response

by John Carter



*Filled and clothed with his Spirit, forgiving as he forgave;
Bound and blessed by his perfect love, his everlasting love. **REFRAIN**
The peace of Christ is in us, for peace is our calling now.
Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we offer him with joy. **REFRAIN**
All we do in word and deed, we do in his holy name.
Giving thanks to God above, with glad and joyful hearts. **REFRAIN***
- Mary Kay Beall; from Colossians 3

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Pat Parkey and Lauren Tipton

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

Alex Lockridge

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 104

by David Haas



*O bless the Lord, my soul, O Lord, how great are Your ways!
How many are Your works, O Lord! The earth is full of Your glory. **REFRAIN**
You take back Your spirit, we die, returning to the dust.
You send forth Your spirit, we are created, You renew the face of the earth! **REFRAIN**
May the glory of God be forever, may the earth rejoice in God's works!
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to God, I find my joy in the Lord! **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches: Colossians 3:12-17

Paul Sims

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Sermon

“Let Us Make a Name for Ourselves”

Alex Lockridge

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

+Hymn

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

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Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,

Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:

Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,

Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.

Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been.

Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,

Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Draw together at one table all the human family;

Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.

Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,

Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

- Delores Dufner

Invitation to the Table

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Breaking the Bread

I Come with Joy

setting by Sam Batt Owens

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,

The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

- Brian Wren

Sharing the Cup

Let Us Break Bread Together

setting by Dale Wood

Let us drink the cup together on our knees,

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

- African-American spiritual

+The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 565

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

HYFRYDOL

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Nancy Rich

Loose change received in October will benefit our church's shoebox ministry, which will be shared internationally through Samaritan's purse, and locally through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

In the Midst of New Dimensions

by Jeremy Bankson

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?
As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, Your global village, might envision wider dreams.
We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in Your creation, each a love song to be sung.
Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May Your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We, Your people, ours the journey now and evermore.*

- Julian Rush

+Doxology

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Community Departs for Ministry

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*... and may Christ's message, in all its richness,
live in your hearts, this day, and forevermore. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Christian Hearts, in Love United

setting by John Innes

+all who are able may stand
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