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A SERMON SERIES

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8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, October 16th

PRELUDE

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. Robert Hobby

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

C: **But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

[Moment of silent reflection]

P: Although God has graciously showered the light of His love on us, we have not responded in lives of total devotion. But because He has graciously promised to forgive, let us go to Him in the name of “Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.”

C: **Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above all things. We have allowed other things to distract us from Your presence in our homes and Your mission in our lives. We have not extended Your saving love to others as we ought, choosing to keep Your good blessings to ourselves instead of sharing them with those around us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Grant us the Spirit of Jesus, who cleanses us from our sin that we may worship You with joyful hearts and proclaim Your kingdom all our days. Amen.**

P: Hear this Good New: even when we were dead in our trespasses,

C: God made us alive together with Christ.

P: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

C: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,

C: made us alive together with Christ.

P: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

C: but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

P: By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, Almighty, who had mercy upon us and gave His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: Amen.

P: In peace, “holy and blameless before Him,” let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace from God’s blessing us in Christ, choosing “us in Him before the foundation of the world,” let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, in which all things work “according to the counsel of His will,” let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and all places where people hear “the word of truth, the gospel of Your salvation,” let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord, until we acquire possession of our inheritance.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “I Love to Tell the Story”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Ephesians 5:1-2; 15-17** [ESV]

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

RESPONSE “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

SERMON “LESS GOSPEL DISTRIBUTION, MORE GOSPEL-PLANTING”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Christ Be My Leader”

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Voices of Peace; Ann Vinod, flute

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Flute

arr. Timothy Shaw

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Organ

arr. Charles Ore

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

NUNC DIMITTIS

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Flourish”

Organ

Leon Nelson



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