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It's Your Fault!



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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. No one likes to be blamed for something, but yet we are the first to blame others for the way things turned out. Before we can fully rejoice in the forgiveness and life that we have in Jesus, we must first realize that we are to blame for Jesus being nailed to the cross. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle. They will be collected after the offering.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There are busy bags available in the narthex with coloring pages and books. There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Sonny De La Garza
Elders: Jason Bussey & Tom White	Acolytes: Nathan Hall & Daniel Olalde	
Offering Counter: Buckie Pate	Greeters: Juanita Seider & Tracy Seider	Trustee: Kerry Kensing

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” # 477

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.**

**△ Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!**

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

“Good, Good Father”

**I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone**

Chorus: You're a good good Father, it's who You are,
It's who You are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am,
It's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word Chorus 2 times

Bridge: You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us Repeat Bridge

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

P: We are told that if we confess our sins that God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, so we pause for a moment of silent confession.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P: We now join together in confessing our sinfulness before God and one another.

C: Gracious God, we know that we sin daily and that our sin separates us from You. The things that we say and do hurt us and others. While we would like to blame others for the sins that we commit, we have to confess that we are guilty. Our sin is completely our own fault and our sin is what put Your Son Jesus on the cross. Be gracious to us and hear our plea for mercy. Amen.

P: God certainly does hear our plea for mercy and sent His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all of our sins. As a servant of Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“Good, Good Father”

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak, Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still as You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still into love love love
Chorus 2 times and Bridge 2 times

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Give to us, Your faithful people who have been rescued from everlasting death unending gladness and eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading — Luke 24:13-35

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN — “Crown Him With Many Crowns” # 525

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife, For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

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MESSAGE – *It’s Your Fault!* – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? _____

OUR OFFERINGS — (Give online at www.stjohnshamilton.org or text amount to 833-706-7586.)

SONG — “Above All”

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind a stone,
You lived to die rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me above all. **Repeat**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG — “We Believe”

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation, We believe, We believe.
In this broken generation, when all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation, we believe, we believe

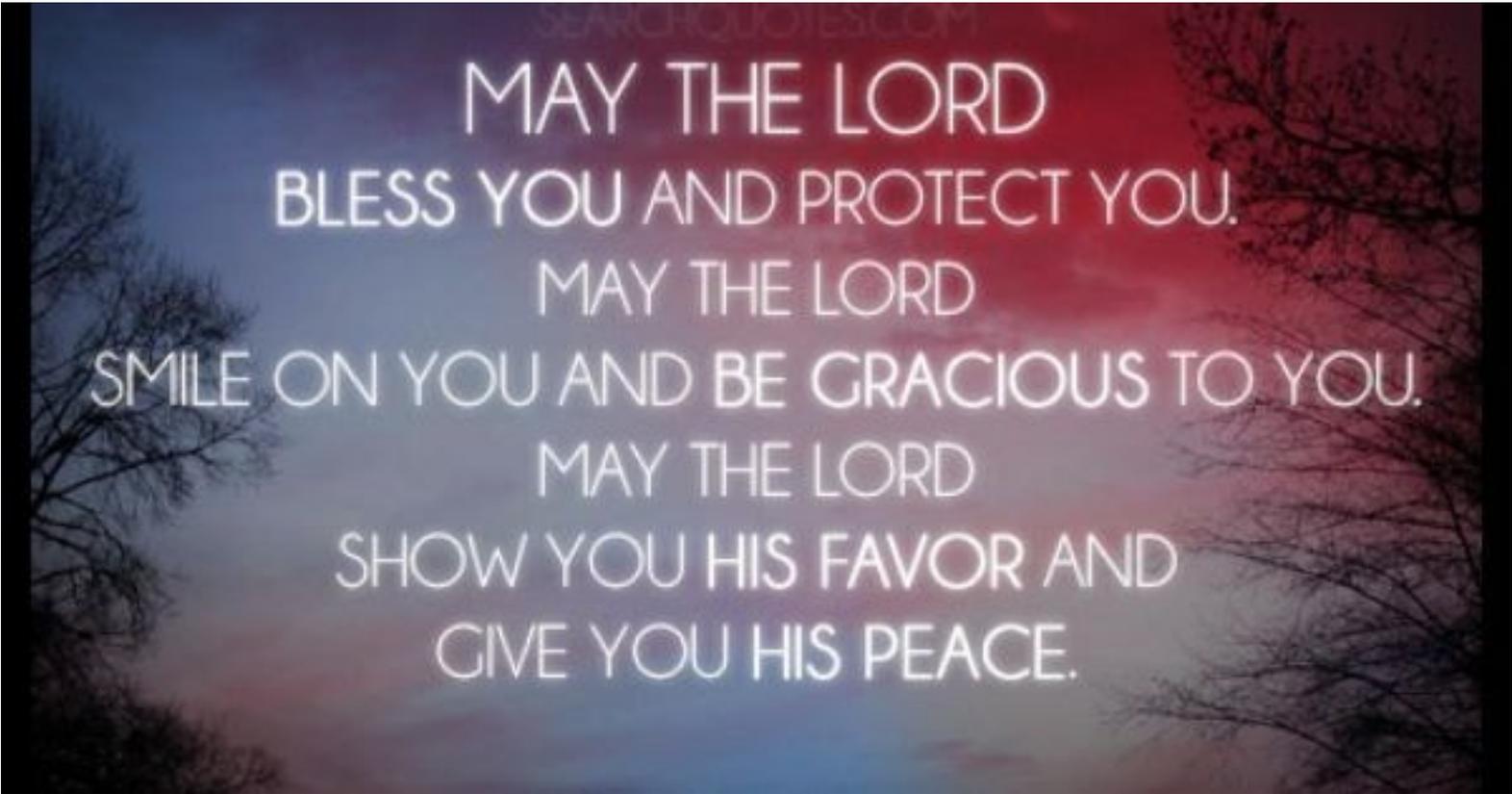
Chorus: We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ,
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again, We believe

So let our faith be more than anthems greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations; We believe, we believe Chorus
(continued on back)

Bridge: Let the lost be found and the dead be raised,
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save,
We believe, we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail,
We believe, we believe Chorus & Ending

Ending: He's coming back again, He's coming back again,
We believe, we believe

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