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SPEAK UP!

acts 5:17-32

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 6, 2021, 11am

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PRELUDE Kevin O'Connell's Music Video

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Town Hall June 13
2. Lunch help needed for Ozark Mission Project June 21-24

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24-27

This is the day that the Lord has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless You.

The LORD is God,

and has made light shine on us.

Let us praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE "Soon And Very Soon" (ASL) #384

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon
we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King. No more crying there:
we are going to see the King. No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King. No more dying there:
we are going to see the King. No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon
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CALL TO CONFESSION and CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we
confess our sins, God is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God, first together, and then in the si-
lence of our hearts.

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with
all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your
commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us.
Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give
honor to your holy name.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS "Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me," vs. 2 Annabel

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy my righteousness and freedom. My steadfast love my deep and
boundless peace.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all your sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Friends, believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, **thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Marie Mainard O'Connell

READING

Acts 5:17-32

¹⁷ Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, ¹⁸ arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life." ²¹ When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. ²⁵ Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" ²⁶ Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,^[c] yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.^[d] ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

SERMON

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

OFFERTORY

"Apostle's Creed"

Virtual Choir

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. (*or universal)

PASTORAL RITE: BLESSING THE GRADUATE

Zach Bordelon

COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... to give you thanks and praise, eternal and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures.

In parental love, you stood by us in spite of our disobedience, correcting us with gracious reproof, and welcoming us again into your loving embrace.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born of Mary, he came to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. To all who believed, he gave power to become your children.

In ministry among your own Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary folk to Spirit-filled living and displayed in his life, death, and rising again the power of your Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Help us to pray as Jesus taught us, saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Words of Institution

Breaking of Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Today we share communion in a common form in the sanctuary, with individual small cups of juice and wafers of bread. Please open and consume the bread together, and then open and share the cup when you are ready; in this way we are reminded that Christ comes to us in this community, and as individuals in our need.

Prayer After Communion

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Video

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" #837

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;

what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus) safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus) leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus) safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus) leaning on the everlasting arms.

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Highsmith

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Highsmith

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

POSTLUDE