

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



“CAN YOU SAY REPENTANCE?”

REV. CARL MCCORMACK

ISAIAH 40:6-11

LUKE 15:1-10

**Celebrating Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Margie Burton

1. Welcome Rev. Carl McCormack
2. Session Meeting
3. Signup with Rev. Ray Hickman
4. Estimate of Giving Form

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ezekiel 34:11-12 & 16a NIV)

God said, *“I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.*

*“As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep.*

*“I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.*

*“I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak . . .”*

Let us worship God, the true shepherd, who seeks and finds, who saves us and calls us home.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE “Step By Step”

#743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you Oh God,

You are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek You in the

morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways. I will seek you in the

morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you’ll lead me,

and I will follow you all of my day days.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSION

Like a nursing mother who cannot forget her child, like a father who runs to welcome the wayward son home, God will not turn away from us.

Though we come, week after week admitting we have turned from God’s ways and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another:

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You search for us, like lost sheep, but we pretend not to hear your voice. You treasure us, like lost coins, but we spend our lives in foolish ways. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and return to you, so that we may join the joyful feast of redemption and restoration, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In your mercy, hear us now as we silently confess the sins of our daily lives. . .**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Take My Life,” vs. 1, 4, 5 & 6

#697

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Verse 5

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Verse 6

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not give up on humanity but came seeking us in Christ. When we were lost in our sin, God appeared among us in Jesus, the Christ. In him God has done an amazing work of rescue. We are found, forgiven, and freed by the gracious God of creation. Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

**Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us, through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:6-11

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said,<sup>[a]</sup> "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass;

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers; the flower fades,

[[when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers; the flower fades,]]<sup>[b]</sup>

but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;<sup>[c]</sup>

lift up your voice with strength,

<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him

and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms

and carry them in his bosom

and gently lead the mother sheep.

Luke 15:1-10 NRSV

**15** Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

SERMON "Can You Say Repentance?" Rev. Carl McCormack

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The 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 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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Doxology

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #607*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN OF SENDING "Called As Partners In Christ's Service"

#761

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work  
and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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