



Consider
yourselves
dead to sin

and

ALIVE
to **GOD** in
CHRIST
JESUS.

ROMANS 6:11

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

P: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

All: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

P: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We worship the God who inhabits our world

All: and dwells within our lives.

L: We need not look up to find God,

All: we need only to look around:

L: within ourselves, beyond ourselves,

All: into the eyes of another.

L: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

All: we need only listen to the music of life,

L: the words of children, the questions of the curious,

All: the rhythm of a heartbeat.

L: We worship the God who inhabits our world

All: and dwells within our lives.

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, you warn us that you have not come to bring peace, but a sword. Forgive us for believing in 'peace at any price', forgetting that the cost of peace for you was a life spent challenging and defeating the power of evil and sin.

All: Pierce our weakness with your strength and give us courage to confront behavior which is contrary to all you teach us.

P: Strip away all that prevents us from exercising faith and courage in the face of injustice.

All: Penetrate the defenses we erect around ourselves and help us offer the gift of vulnerability to others.

P: Cut through our efforts to protect ourselves at the expense of the wellbeing and peace of mind of others.

All: Expose the fearfulness that shapes much of our decision making and replace it with the courage of your convictions.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, give us your strength we pray.

All: Empower us with your Spirit to be bearers of love, peace, justice and reconciliation, so that we can follow wherever you lead us. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

P: Jesus died and rose again so that we might experience "newness of life so we can consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ".

All: The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of the impossible,

All: we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation;

L: when the challenges seem too many,

All: remind us of your resurrection power;

L: when the task seems overwhelming,

All: remind us of the miracle of love;

L: and when apathy threatens us,

All: remind us of your vision of a world made whole.

L: Help us to hope that the impossible can happen

All: and live as if it might do so today. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

All: With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

Reader: Today's reading is from the sixth chapter of Romans beginning with the first verse.

READING . . . *Romans 6:1b-11*

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was

raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

A LITANY FOR MEN OF FAITH

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth. We give thanks to you for all the men of faith of all races and cultures who have done your will throughout the ages.

All: We thank you for Abraham, the father of Israel, Moses the deliverer, Samuel the judge, David the King and for the Old Testament prophets such as Isaiah and the New Testament prophets such as Simeon, Lucius of Cyrene and prophets in Antioch.

P: We are thankful for Joseph, husband of Mary and guardian of our Lord.

All: And for all who down through the ages have kept the faith with integrity and certitude, we thank you God for our ancestors.

P: Mindful of the witness of men of faith down through the centuries, we ask your blessing upon the faithful men of this congregation, our brothers and friends, our spouses and sons, our grandfathers, fathers, and uncles.

All: Bless them and all men who place their trust in you. Empower them to hold fast their faith and reject all that is evil.

P: Especially this day we pray for strength and encouragement for men that they may love their families as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

All: May they not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so that they may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

P: Gracious Lord, we praise you that in your great wisdom you have planned for us that we may experience the joy of all men, women and children.

All: To live together.

P: To play together.

All: To work together. To rejoice together. Amen.

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,

All: and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: Water and word, wine and bread:

All: these are signs of your abundant grace.

L: Nourish us through these gifts,

All: that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world. Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and men of faith who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.,

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our

sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P: May the steadfast love of God surround you;
The vulnerable love of Jesus Christ inspire you;
The penetrating power of the Holy Spirit surprise you.

All: **We go to share God's love with the world.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

SINGING BOWL

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