

Worship Service ~ *The Movement of the Message*

9th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,

21th July, 2024

1 Corinthians 1:1-17 / Mark 3:7-21 ESV

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Opening Music

[Fishers of Men](#)

12 Disciples

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Welcome / Announcements

We seek to welcome all of God's children to join us in bearing witness to the radically transforming power of God's love. As we gather today, let's share the joy and peace of Christ with each other by greeting each other as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Opening Hymn What is This Place ~ 1

Call to Worship

One: We come to God poor in Spirit.

All: We will hear the good news of the Kingdom.

One: We come to God with grief.

All: He will comfort us.

One: We come to God in meekness.

All: He will fulfill his promises.

One: We come to God hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

All: In Christ, we will be satisfied!

Invocation

Father Son and Spirit, One God, we celebrate your glory and praise your name this morning. But we cannot do this alone. Give us grace, that our worship would be full of beauty in your eyes.

May we deepen our unity with one another and faithfulness to you Lord Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

Scripture Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—

even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—

so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.

(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

A Time of Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Today we come together as a community to share together our joys and concerns, and lift them to God in prayer.

Congregational Prayer

Prayer by worship leader

Almighty God, all our hearts are open to you, and all our desires known. From you no secrets are hidden. You see all our sins - and call us to be healed and forgiven. You see our suffering - and call us to be comforted and encouraged. You see our needs - and call us to bring them to you.

We thank you - Father - for hearing our prayers. And we pray that you would take them, hold them as precious, and answer them far more than we can imagine or comprehend. Because Christ our Lord loves and gave himself for us. We trust that you will. Amen.

Hymn

Have Thine Own Way ~ 504

Sermon Passage

~ Mark 3:7-21 ESV

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.

And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him.

And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.

And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.

He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);

Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Message ~ *The Movement of the Message*

Interim Pastor Jonny Finlayson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Call to Serve

Jesus has called us to spend time with him. He has revealed his gospel to us. He has filled us in the empty places, instructed us where we are foolish, and equipped us where we lacked confidence and ability.

He now sends us, with his authority, to be agents and ambassadors for him in the world. Live lives that seek the justice and mercy of the Kingdom. Speak words that cultivate reconciliation between God and your neighbor. Aim at faithfulness, and trust Christ for the results. As we listen to Annie play, reflect on where Christ might be calling you to extend his grace.

A Time for Reflection Played by church musician Annie Center,

Hymn **Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee ~ 588**

Benediction Short blessing based on Ephesians 3:17-19

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you may be able to comprehend with all who believe the immeasurable love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge and fills you with the fullness of God.

Postlude played by church musician Annie Center,

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