

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Celia Weber

Sovereign Lord, you have anointed us with your Spirit, yet we have not shared your great gift.

Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

We have not proclaimed your good news to the poor. We have not bound up the brokenhearted.

Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

We have not proclaimed your freedom to the captives. We have not comforted those who mourn.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Forgive us for closing our eyes to the needs of others.

Forgive us for limiting your abundance.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Open our minds, Lord. Open our hearts, Lord.

Open our hands, Lord. Open our lips, Lord.

Give us a willing spirit to show your love to your world. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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"I will take you out of the nations;
I will gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees.
You will be my people, and I will be your God."
Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,
we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Freely you have received, freely give.

Offering

Offertory "O What a Beautiful City" Spiritual / sung by Dan Baker

! Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

! Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of your Spirit, poured out on all who live in Christ. May these gifts be our response of abundant love; use them to bless others through Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

! Hymn 259

Breath on Me, Breath of God

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon *We've Got the Spirit* *Dan Baker*

Scripture Reading *Romans 8:18-27*

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope ²¹ that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. ²³ Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the first fruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ Now in this hope we were saved, but hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ Now if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Sermon

"Hopeful"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

! Hymn 249

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

! Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.**

**He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

! Hymn

Blessed Be Your Name

*Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name*

*Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

*Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name*

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

*Bridge (x2)
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

! Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Linda Gyath, Jim Fox*

 **Postlude**

The Joyous Heart

Peterson

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