

Sunday Morning Worship Celebration

Luke 9:18-27 | "The
Heart of Discipleship"

September 29, 2024

The Gospel of Luke:
Love Came Down

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Welcome & Announcements

Ellen Skillingstad announces Fall Fest and need for volunteers.

Greet One Another

Praise

Prelude

Call to Worship | Psalm 47:1-2

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

The Invocation

Psalm of Praise | Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord [TH16]

TH16. V. 1-4

Confession & Assurance

Need of Confession | James 3:5-6

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison.

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. (Book of Common Worship)

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:10-12

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Affirmation of Faith | From the Liturgy of the Church of South India

Unison. Adapted from the liturgy of the Church of South India. Accessed from The Daily Prayer Project: Ordinary Time 2. Copyright 2021

I believe in one God: who creates, loves, cares, and corrects all people, who acts in history, and who promises never to leave us alone. I believe in Jesus of Nazareth: who is Lord, Christ, and Redeemer, who wants not to be idealized, but to be followed. I believe that we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit, without whom we are nothing; filled with the Holy Spirit we are able to become creative, free, and full of life. I believe in the church of God in Jesus Christ: a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in the understanding of our faith through worship, fellowship, and acts of liberation. I believe that God has called us: to a partnership for the continuance of his mission in this time and place, and that, though we live in the midst of confusion, turmoil, exploitation, and oppression and in the grip of the forces of death, we are called to be the instruments of peace and justice. I believe that God brings about change: in people, in nature, and in the whole cosmos, that God makes the whole creation a new heaven and a new earth of justice, peace, harmony, and life in all its fullness.

Hymn of Praise | "Come To Jesus (Rest In Him)" [Default Arrangement]

Corporate Prayer & Giving

The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | "You Are My All in All"

Arranged by Joel Raney and presented by Lynne Fowlkes, flute.

Doxology

Hearing of the Word

Sermon Text | Luke 9:18-27

Sermon Title | "The Heart of Discipleship"

Hymn of Response | "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken" [Indelible Grace]

Sending

Benediction

Postlude
