

SERMON TEXT

"The Faith of Abel Still Speaks to You"
Hebrews 11:4

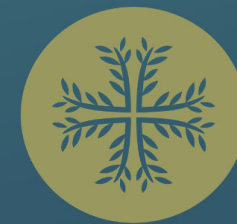
⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

SERMON NOTES

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FAITH

Hebrews 11



MAY 31, 2026

OPENING SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to be in the presence of God,
*For the Lord knows our hearts and
hears our cries.*
Our God puts joy in our hearts,
And a song on our lips!
Here we are, O Lord, we open our lives to you,
Let your love pour over our souls,
And your mercy flood our spirits!
For you alone are the Lord our God!
Hallelujah! Amen!

Based on Psalm 40

PRAYER OF ADORATION

WORSHIP IN SONG

CATECHISM

Q31: What is effective calling?

Effective calling is the work of God's Spirit, Who convinces us that we are sinful and miserable, Who enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and Who renews our wills. This is how He persuades and makes us able to receive Jesus Christ, Who is freely offered to us in the gospel.

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶ Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what

is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. ¹⁴ The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalm 103:1–14

CONFESSION

Father, you have called me to trust you with my life and not myself, to acknowledge you in all my ways. And you have promised to direct my paths. But I have gone my own way and trusted my own strength to achieve success in life apart from you. I have focused on tasks rather than faithfulness and knowing you. I have looked for comfort and rest in sinful pursuits, and I have been false in my relationships, trying to appear better than I am. I have used, rather than loved, the people around me, and I have lost sight of your kingdom and righteousness. Forgive me, Lord! Help me to trust you and fill me with your spirit of faithfulness!

GRACE

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15–16

SONG OF GRACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Cove is dismissed (Little Cove: pre-K–2nd grade; Big Cove: 3rd–5th grade). Nursery is available on the first floor on the other side of the building. Offering plates are available in the front lobby. We invite you to place your tithes and offerings as you exit the service.

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THE REVEREND JOHN YENCHKO

COMMUNION

As we come to the Lord's Table today, we invite you to come forward, receive the bread and cup, and return to your seat so that we may partake together. This simple pattern reflects the heart of Scripture: we "wait for one another" as Paul instructs (1 Cor. 11:33), and we share in "one bread" as one body (1 Cor. 10:17). By receiving the elements and holding them until all are served, we remember that grace is something given to us, not taken, and that we belong to Christ—and to one another. May this shared act strengthen our unity in Him.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith.

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