

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Who Dis? Luke 7:11-23 -
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Luke: Upside Down 2

Call to Worship - Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

What is upon you today? It's a strange question, I know, but we all have different things hanging on to us from this morning, this week, this month, this year, this life. It doesn't do much good to put on our church masks and pretend that everything's good—worship begins when we let God meet us where we are and lift our eyes up to his face. Wherever you're at, here's what God wants to put upon you today:

[1] The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
[2] to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
[3] to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Congregation:

[10] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

[11] For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

Let's join in that righteousness and praise as the Lord puts his Spirit upon us today...

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Confession - Romans 7:21-24

In the book of Romans a guy named Paul gets really raw about his sin, and he says,

21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Romans 7:21-24, NLT

What Paul is confessing here is captured well in this question from the New City Catechism:

Since no one can keep God's law, what is its purpose?

Let's be raw with our own sin alongside Paul by confessing this truth together:

Congregation: That we may know the holy nature of God, and the sinful nature of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior.

Who can free us from a life of sin and death? It's the poor and powerless who are able to shout with Paul,

25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord!

So let's shout that together:

Congregation: Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord!

All The Poor And Powerless

King Of Kings

Sermon - Luke 7:11-23

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Your Great Name

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Announcements & Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! You may be seated as we finish with a special interview of one of our distributed families (that is, a family who has been sent to proclaim Jesus among the nations). For security we will be turning off the livestream at this time—if you've joined us by livestream, peace be with you!

As they come forward, we will be passing our giving baskets at this time. Also, we'd like to invite you to a couple next steps:

- 1) Food Pantry this Saturday here at 9:30am - see Bill Stayton for more info
- 2) Membership Class on September 26 at 9:00am (please sign up at the side table)

Distributed Interview

Prayer

And now church, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.
