

Scripture Lesson

Mark 6:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Sermon

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Hymn 477

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your heav'nly goal, lest we miss your heav'nly goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Call to Worship

Psalm 105

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

All: make known God's deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing to the Holy One, sing praises to our Sovereign;

All: tell of all God's wonderful works.

One: Glory in God's holy name;

All: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Hymn 51

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing

All creatures of our God, now sing; lift up your voices, let them ring, Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon softer gleam, O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O rushing wind with voice so strong, O clouds that sail in heaven along, sing your praises Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice, O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia! O fire so masterful and bright, that gives to all both warmth and light, O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part singing praises, Alleluia! To God we lift our pain and care, the burdened sorrows that we bear, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, Alleluia, Alleluia! O praise the One who gives us birth, redeeming, giving life its worth, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

B. M. Neel

Holy God, all is not right. We are not right with you or with each other. Anger and fear and disappointment rest uneasily in our hearts. It is hard to trust, and it is even harder to forgive. Help us to turn to you to find the strength we need. Help us to look to the example of Jesus to see how to love. Help us look deep within ourselves for our own fault. We pray for your forgiveness, and we pray to be forgiven. In Christ's name, we pray ... *(moments for silent reflections)*

Words of Assurance

Anthem

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift Thine Eyes from *Elijah*

Women's Ensemble

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

Caitlyn Menolasino

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 54

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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine unto us so freely given, graces, human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication