

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 3: 8-21 ~ Page 1018 in the pew Bible

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, God's grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all people see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner person, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the word of the Lord; P: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Low Expectations" Rev. Frank Wyche

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN *I Cannot Tell* #354

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *He Leadeth Me* #690

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Go to the World* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González, Organist

*Those who are able may stand.

“LOOK!



The lamb of GOD the SIN of the WORLD”
who takes away

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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González , Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Be Beside Me

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 145: 3-5, 11-13, 21

L: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

P: One generation shall laud your works to another, and declare your mighty acts.

L: I will meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works.

P: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make all people know of your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we gather to worship and praise you. Strengthen us that we may obey your commands to love you with all our heart and soul, all our mind and strength, and to love others as we love ourselves; we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#128

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is weak when put to the test, and our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty with our mouths, while our thoughts and words and actions deny commitment. Have mercy on us, forgive our sin, and lead us in your ways, we pray.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S LESSON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 1: 29, 34-51 ~ Pages 922-923 in the pew Bible

The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ... And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi,” which means Teacher, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah,” which means “Christ.” He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas,” which means Peter. The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 15: 12-21 ~ Page 1001 in the pew Bible

Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.