

as it is written: "No one is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God. All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong; no one does good, not even one."

But now the righteousness of God has been unveiled and made known plainly, apart from the law, although the law and the prophets do bear witness to it: the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, all are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as payment for our sins by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance, God had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that God himself is righteous, and that God justifies every person who has faith in Jesus.

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

SERMON	"Our Need to Repent"	Rev. Frank Wyche
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	<b>Inside front cover of hymnal</b>
<b>*HYMN</b>	<i>Just as I Am</i>	<b>#488</b>
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY		
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		<b>#815</b>
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MORNING PRAYER AND <b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b> (...debts/debtors...)		
<b>*HYMN</b>	<i>O for a Heart to Praise My God</i>	<b>#650</b>
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
CHORAL CLOSE	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE		Adam Kelly, Accompanist

\*Those who are able may stand

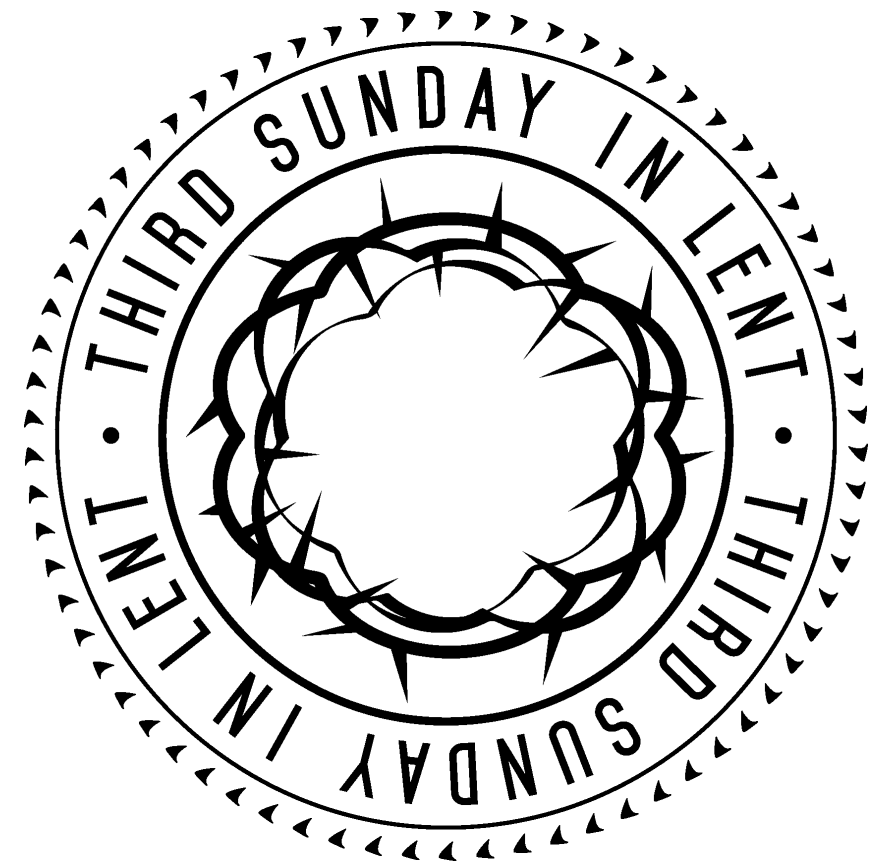
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11:00 A.M.

*As you enter the sanctuary please do so reverently, and during the prelude please speak softly so as not to distract others preparing for worship.*

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 5:7; 13:5; 17: 6-7, 15b

L: Through the abundance of your steadfast love I will enter your house. I will worship toward your holy temple in awe and reverence of you.

**P: I have trusted in your steadfast love, and my heart rejoices in your salvation.**

L: I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

**P: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their troubles at your right hand, that I may behold your face in righteousness.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Jesus proclaimed your kingdom, and called us to repent from our sins, and to return to you. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may know you more fully, and follow your will and your way, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

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**RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION** ~ Proverbs 28:13; Acts 3:19

L: Those who conceal their transgressions will not prosper, but those who confess and forsake them will obtain mercy.

**P: Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we would plead with you to forgive our sins, and to open our eyes to your truth. Forgive us for the sin of pride, when we see ourselves as innocent when we are guilty, pure when we are stained, and superior when we are no better than others. Forgive us for the sin of greed, when we clutch tightly to what is our own, instead of sharing with those in need. We blame the unnamed poor as responsible for their own poverty, but see our unemployed family and friends as victims of others. We insist on our own way, believing we see truth more clearly than anyone else, even when our attitudes and opinions are in clear conflict with the Bible. Lord, have mercy upon us, and save us from our blind and willful descent into sin.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ John 3:17; 1 Peter 2:24

L: God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world

might be saved through him.

**P: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds, [we] have been healed.**

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

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

*If My People Will Pray*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ezekiel 18: 21-23, 27-32 ~ Page 727 in the pew Bible

[The LORD says] “If a wicked person turns away from all their sins which they have committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is lawful and right, that one shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions which that person has committed shall be remembered against them; and for the righteousness which that person has done they shall live. Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord GOD, and wouldn’t I prefer that they should turn from their sinful way and live?”

“Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because that one considered and turned away from all the transgressions which they had committed, that person shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each one according to their ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 13: 1-9 ~ Page 906 in the pew Bible

There were some present at that very time who told him [Jesus] of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those 18 upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 3: 9b-12, 21-26 ~ Page 979 in the pew Bible

I have already charged that all people, both Jews and Gentiles, are under the power of sin;