

trance I saw a vision, something descending, like a great sheet, let down from heaven by our corners; and it came down to me. Looking at it closely I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'No, Lord; for nothing unsanctified or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice spoke again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call unsanctified.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. At that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six from among the brethren also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" When they heard this they were silenced. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles God has also granted repentance unto life."

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

SERMON "Christ Gives Life to All" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *Bless, O My Soul! The Living God* Bulletin Insert

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)

*HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* #808

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Adam Kelly, Accompanist

*Those who are able may stand

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.



"My eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2:30-32

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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

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 67**

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and may God's face shine upon us, so that the LORD's way may be known on earth, and God's saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and you guide the nations of the earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

L: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

P: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth reverence and worship him!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in whom we live, and move, and have our being, draw near to us, as we draw near to you in worship. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be more committed and faithful disciples, and help us to love you, and others, as Jesus commanded; we pray in his name, Amen.

***HYMN**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Bulletin Insert

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Ezekiel 33: 11, 19

L: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

P: When the wicked turn from their wickedness, and do what is lawful and right, they shall live.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the Church of Scotland

O Lord, you are God of love, and mercy, and forgiveness. Having received such a depth of love, forgive us for how willingly we fail to offer love to others. Self-interest and ambition blind us to the sensitivities of others, and to being aware of your presence in and with others. We use cruel words and hateful hands to diminish others' worth. Knowing that we bear the hurt of those who have torn at the heart of who we are, help us to willingly forgive others, even as we seek your forgiveness.

(Silent prayer and private confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Psalm 103: 1-3a, 8-12

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name! Bless

the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget God's benefits, who forgives all your iniquity

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: God will not always chide, nor remain angry forever. The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear the LORD; as far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

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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HYMN

Count Your Blessings

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 43: 16-19a ~ Page 624 in the pew Bible

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 2: 25-32 ~ Page 890 in the pew Bible

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Now, Lord, you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 10: 14-16 ~ Page 934 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Acts 11: 1-18 ~ Page 958 in the pew Bible

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised people and eat with them?" But Peter began and explained to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a