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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2022

8:15 AM

So I say,
walk by
the Spirit,
and you
will not
gratify the
desires
of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

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GOD'S PRESENCE, PROVISION, AND PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE

AS WE GATHER

When you feel all alone, remember this: you are not alone. First, you are not alone in feeling that way. In today's Old Testament Reading, you will see how even Elijah, the mighty prophet of God, felt all alone. "I, even I only, am left!" he exclaimed (1 Kings 19:10). That was his honest feeling; however, it wasn't true. The Lord revealed to Elijah that He had not abandoned His prophet, even reassuring Elijah of this by providing Elisha as his helper in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. God's presence and provision in Elijah's life reassured him of his divine purpose, and the same is true for you! Even when you may think or feel that you are alone, you are not! God's presence and provision, which you will receive yet again today, reassure you of this! Jesus is with you! He loves you! And He sends His Spirit into your life to give you His purpose and direction, reminding you that you belong to Him!

+ PREPARATION +

411 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Galatians 5:1*

Pastor For freedom Christ has set us free;

Congregation **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Pastor Lord God, our gracious Father,

Congregation **we confess that we have not walked by Your Spirit. Instead of using our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves, we have served our own selfish interests. We have chosen to live as our sinful flesh desires instead of as Your perfect law requires. Forgive us, heavenly Father, by the mercy You show us in the death and resurrection of Your Son. Fill us with the fruit of Your Spirit so that we who belong to Christ Jesus may walk in the way of love and worship. In His name we pray. Amen.**

Pastor The Spirit of God anointed Jesus to walk in perfect obedience to the Father's commands. His death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave prove that His grace alone gives His presence, provision, and purpose to all who belong to Him by faith.

Pastor Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*

Leader Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

Congregation Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

Leader for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Congregation Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Leader Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

Congregation righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Leader Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

Congregation Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Leader Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

Congregation and grant us Your salvation.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:9b–21*

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

Leader Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

Congregation I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

Leader As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

Congregation The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

Leader their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Congregation The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

Leader The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Congregation I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

Leader I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Congregation Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Leader For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

Congregation You make known to me the path of life;

Leader in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

Congregation at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13–25*

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 9:51*

Pastor Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,

Congregation He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans,

to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

688 "COME, FOLLOW ME," THE SAVIOR SPAKE



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be-tide, Take My ex-am-ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so-journ here be-low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n-ly goal."
bat-tle's strain The crown of heav'n-ly life ob-tain.

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have created us in Your image and called us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to know that You are always with us—guiding our steps, providing for our lives, hearing our prayers, and answering us in ways that are for our good and that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your presence in our lives.

Pastor You reign over all the universe as King of kings and Lord of lords! In You, Lord Jesus, all things are held together. In You, Lord Jesus, we live and move and have our being. You provide well for all those who belong to You.

Grant us hearts to receive Your Word, hands to extend Your love to others, and feet to walk by Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your provision in our lives.**

Pastor Holy Spirit, when we feel lost and alone, remind us of Your never-failing love. Instill in us the readiness to be led by You in the purpose that You give to all who follow Jesus Christ. Send Your Church out into every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News of life and salvation in our Savior's death and resurrection. Until the day He comes again, grant that we never grow tired of sharing the Gospel with our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your purpose in our lives.**

Pastor Merciful Lord, we pray Your blessing upon all who lead and govern us, for all who protect us from harm and danger, and for all who work for the well-being of our communities, our state, and our nation. Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and in the lives of our children. Remind those who are homebound, hospitalized, or ailing in any way that they are never alone, for You are always with them. [Grant Your healing mercies to those we name before You, especially . . .] Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Into Your faithful hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES *Galatians 5:1, 25*

Pastor For freedom Christ has set us free;

Congregation **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

Pastor If we live by the Spirit,

Congregation **let us also walk by the Spirit.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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