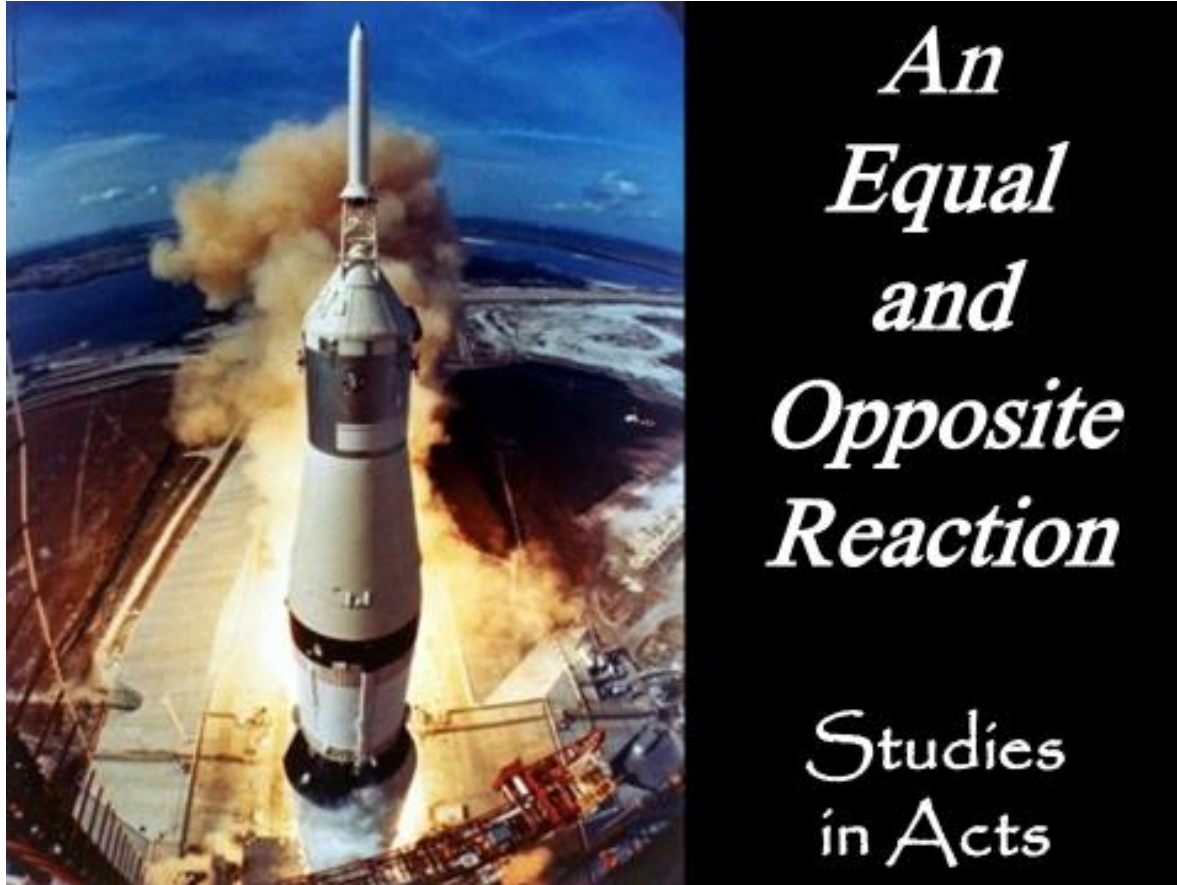


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Christ Church Presbyterian 4th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship
Kindness in words creates confidence; kindness in thinking creates profoundness; kindness in giving creates love. —Anon

GATHERING

Quiet meditation time (Please fill out a blue or pink card with any prayer requests and put it in the collection plate.) – Thanks

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD;

For he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth. -- Psalm 96:1-13

*INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)

O God, when we were alone and isolated in our sin and selfishness, you came to redeem us. You called us to rise up out of the ashes of our lives to be your children, connected to your family through

your love and grace. Today we come together to remember your great acts of compassion; praising you for mercies received, and a family to which we belong together with Christ. **Amen.**

***HYMN GREEN #20 "You Are Holy" (2x)**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his staunch love from me.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God. —based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV

***CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. —Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Through Christ we have been made free to a new life through the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*** INSERT "Speak, O Lord"**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC CHILDREN & CHOIR "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC – ANTHEM "Sunrise, Sunset"

HEARING GOD'S WORD HEARING GOD'S WORD: Acts 13:44- 14:6

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city assembled together to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and they began to contradict what Paul was saying by reviling him.

Both Paul and Barnabas replied courageously, "It was necessary to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we are turning to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have appointed you to be a light for the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

When the Gentiles heard this, they began to rejoice and praise the word of the Lord, and all who had been appointed for eternal life believed. So the word of the Lord was spreading through the entire region.

But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high social standing and the prominent men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out of their region. So after they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, they went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The same thing happened in Iconium when Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a large group of both Jews and Greeks believed. But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. So they stayed there for a considerable time, speaking out courageously for the Lord, who testified to the message of his grace, granting miraculous signs and wonders to be performed through their hands. But the population of the city was divided; some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

When both the Gentiles and the Jews (together with their rulers) made an attempt to mistreat them and stone them, Paul and Barnabas learned about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding region.

MESSAGE "An Equal and Opposite Reaction"

***HYMN BLUE #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (to the tune of Blue #98)**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

THE OFFERING

***LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN #593 The Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O Lord, we come to you with gratitude and thankfulness for your great love and abundant gifts. We now give you a token of our commitment to you, asking that you would use our offering of ourselves and all that we have to further your work in the world. We ask this as your servants willing to do your will. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you praise and thanks, O Lord that you have called us to be your children. We are grateful for your love that led you to die for us and offer ourselves as your servants to be conduits of your love and grace in the world. With joy we thank you for the ways our congregation has shown your love this week. We praise you for your grace, honor you for your love and rejoice in your mercy. With deepest gratitude we proclaim you God.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O God of compassion, we ask that our hearts be moved to show compassion for others. We especially pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, home, food and shelter. We pray for all those who are prisoners, those who suffer addictions, and those who suffer daily. We remember before you the sick and dying, those who are lonely, those who are victims of war, terror, and injustice. We ask for mercy for those who suffer abuse especially those who are enslaved and grace for those who oppress others. We recall all those who have worshipped with us in the past and are unable to do so today.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord of the nations, we pray for all those who exercise authority over others. May they remember that their power is granted them to care for their people. May they pursue peace and justice as they seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Help us all remember we need your love and grace. Grant us the courage to model your mercy to those around us.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord Jesus, you are the head of the church, the beginning and the end of all things. Grant to the church universal your mercy as we struggle to follow you. Look we pray with mercy upon the ministry of this congregation which you have called together with grace and kindness. Increase our courage, strengthen our faith, and inspire our witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Gracious God, the source of all love and goodness, bless us with your Spirit as we seek to do your will. May we keep our hearts and thoughts on you through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray, saying:

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN SERVICE

***HYMN GREEN #17 "Step By Step" (2x)**

***CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

***BENEDICTION**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways!
For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?
Or who has first given to God, that God needs to repay him?
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever! Amen.

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

INSERT "RHYS" (Verse 2 Only)

***POSTLUDE**

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***Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

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