



ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 2, 2020

REFLECTIONS

Believers are never told to become one; we already are one and are expected to act like it.

JONI EARECKSON TADA

Sin is almost the only thing we have in common with everyone else, and so at the feet of Jesus where sin is cleansed is the only place where we can be one. Real oneness conjures up for us the picture of two or more sinners together at Calvary.

ROY HESSION

Imagine a symphony where every instrument kept hitting exactly the same note in exactly the same way. You could describe it in one word – BORING! No, a beautiful symphony is not music in unison, but music in unity – notes that blend together to make something they couldn't make separately. This is what God wants the body of Christ to be like, and it all begins with relationship.

EDDIE RASNAKE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader	Are you in need of refreshment? Hear these true words and respond with joy: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
All	You, Lord, open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Leader	The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
All	The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
Leader	He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.
Together	My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

— from Ps. 145

SONG OF PRAISE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY / REGINALD HEBER

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shall be!

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are love!
In love, you have given us the gift of fellowship with you.
In love, you have given us the gift of fellowship with one another
and made us one body, your Church.
In love, you have given us apostles, prophets,
evangelists, shepherds and teachers
to encourage us with your truth and to equip us for your work of love.
Because your loving kindness is better than life,
we praise you and give you all glory. **Amen**

— from Eph. 4 & Ps. 63:3

SONGS OF PRAISE

PROVIDE FOR ME / RYAN DELMORE

Maker of the heavens, Maker of the earth
I look up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
It comes from You, it comes from You
It comes from You, my strength and my shield

You will save me in times of trouble
You will hold me in times of doubt
You will provide for me, Lover of my soul
You will provide for me

WHO YOU SAY I AM / B. FIELDING & R. MORGAN

1. Who am I
That the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

CHORUS 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

2. Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

CHORUS 2

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

BRIDGE

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together

God of truth,
by your Word, you created heaven and earth,
and your truth sets us free and brings us new life.
Lord, we confess we have listened and believed lies
about You and your great love for us;
we have believed and spoken lies about ourselves and one another;
we have trusted false words and visions about the good life,
and so, we have placed our own interests and desires
above loving you and our neighbor.
Forgive us and set us free to walk in a manner worthy of our calling.
Holy Spirit, open our hearts to your words of love
and may we build one another up in your love. **Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE & ASSURANCE

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER / MUSIC: FERNANDO ORTEGA

Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Son
Glory be to the Holy Ghost! (2x)
As it was in the beginning
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end, world without end
Amen, amen

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader

Look to Jesus Christ and fix your eyes on him, the one who endured the cross for the sake of the world. If you believe in him, then have been raised with him and you have died to sin. Your life is now hidden with Christ in God! Hear this truth, believe and be glad.
— from Heb. 12:2; Col. 3:1-3

All

Thanks be to God!

Leader

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Take a moment during announcements and “pass the peace” to one another. Text, call, hug the person next to you.

** Check our website for the latest updates and ways to invest in the life of our church and city.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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THE 1ST LESSON — MATTHEW 14:22-27

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” [ESV]

THE 2ND LESSON — EPHESIANS 4:1-16

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” ⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. [NIV]

THE SERMON — BRANNIN PITRE

Sermon Series: “Growing in the Comprehensive Gospel”

Sermon Title: “A Comprehensive Truth”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the joy and hope of the resurrection resounding in our hearts, minds, and bodies, let us offer our prayers for ourselves and the world to God, our King and Lover of our souls. Let us be still before the Lord. All end with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COMMUNION PRAYER

Together

Jesus Christ, you promise to meet us and feed us whenever we gather and eat from your table. Since we cannot break bread with you and one another, we ask that you would renew your presence in us and strengthen us spiritually. We long to feast with you and our church family. We long to welcome others into your presence and to experience your gracious hospitality together. In your mercy, make it so quickly. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONGS

JESUS' NAME / *RYAN DELMORE*

So beautiful, no name is higher
So wonderful, is Jesus' name
Is Jesus' name
*And every knee will bow
In heaven and the earth
And every eye will see
The measure of Your worth
There is no one like You
Risen Son of God
Holy is Your name
Holy is Your name*

GRACE TO YOU & PEACE / *FERNANDO ORTEGA*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. May you speak truth in love and together grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

All **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

ORDINARY TIME

As Phillip Reinders says in *Seeking God's Face*:

"With all the big holidays and celebrations over, Ordinary Time offers us the space to find our place in God's story. We've celebrated and taken in the momentous life of Jesus; now we need a long stretch of days to absorb and assimilate it. In Ordinary Time, we fully take in the gospel, allowing it to take shape in our daily living, making connections between Jesus' story and our lives. 'Ordinary' doesn't mean boring or second-rate but simply 'everyday.' The Christian faith is not an otherworldly faith; it's about this creation, your life, these days. Ordinary Time gives us the space to consider all the implications of God's salvation in Jesus Christ for our day by day, week-in, week-out lives. As such, it is a time of listening to the story of God's people."

GIVING & BUDGET

	<u>JAN-JUN</u>	<u>JUL 2020¹</u>	<u>MERCY²</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$230,279	\$33,585	\$15,020
BUDGETED GIVING _____	216,000	36,000	---
DIFFERENCE _____	+14,279	-2,415	---

¹as of 7/30/2020; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors

²Year-to-date Mercy special offering contributions (for COVID-19 relief)

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