



ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 16, 2020

REFLECTIONS

“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.”

ST. AUGUSTINE | *THE CONFESSIONS*

“In a memorable story Jesus defined the neighbor by telling of the Good Samaritan. With sure artistry and great power he depicted what happens when a man responds directly to human need across the barriers of class, race, and condition. Every man is potentially every other man’s neighbor. Neighborliness is nonspatial; it is qualitative. A man must love his neighbor directly, clearly, permitting no barriers between.”

HOWARD THURMAN | *JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All **The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
All **to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Leader Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Together **let us we wait for the Lord and sing his praise!** — from Ps. 27

SONG OF PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD & KING / WORDS: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. And all Ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him cast your care,
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one!
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader God of all glory,
on this first day you began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.
On this first day you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.
On this Lord’s day grant that we,
the people you create by water and the Spirit,
may be joined with all your works
in praising you for your great glory.
Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,
we praise you now and forever. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

HE IS LORD / JOHN BARNETT

1. I will call on the name
of the Lord, my God
I will lift up my voice
to give praise to my King

CHORUS

*He's the light in the darkness
He's the calm in the storm
He's the hope of the righteous
He is Lord, He is Lord*

2. There is peace in the presence
of the Lord, my God
There is power in the blood
of the Lamb that was slain

BRIDGE

*Every knee will bow
every tongue confess
that He is Lord
Every knee will bow
every tongue confess
that He is Lord*

BUILD MY LIFE / BARRETT, REDMAN, ETC.

1. Worthy of every song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

2. Jesus, the Name above
every other name
Jesus, the only One
who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

Chorus

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me*

Bridge

*I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together

God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods:
money, power, greed, and convenience. *(silence)*
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving you and our neighbor;
nor have we rightly loved ourselves. *(silence)*
Forgive us, gracious God, and renew us.
May we walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
In his name we pray. **Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE & ASSURANCE

BONHOEFFER'S PRAYER / WORDS: D. BONHOEFFER; MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS

Lord, early in the morning
We cry unto You
In You there is light, when I cannot see
In You there is love, patience and peace
Lord, I do not understand Your ways
But You know the way for me

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader

Fear not! Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Whoever follows him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Believe in him, rejoice and walk as children of light!
— from John 8:12; Eph. 5:8

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 — PROVERBS 3:1-8

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| <p>¹ My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
² for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.
³ Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴ So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.</p> | <p>⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
⁸ It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones. [ESV]</p> |
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THE 2ND LESSON — EPHESIANS 5:8-21

⁸ [For] at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. [ESV]

THE SERMON — BRANNIN PITRE

*Sermon Series: “Growing in the Comprehensive Gospel”
Sermon Title: “A Comprehensive Reflection of God’s Love”*

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 and pray in hope.

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

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY / HORATIUS BONAR

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thy weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold; I freely give
the living waters, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
out of the Living Stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in Him

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy days be bright."

I looked to Jesus and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk;
'til traveling days are done

Ending

I heard the voice of Jesus say
"Come unto Me and rest...
"Come unto Me and rest...
"Come unto Me and rest...
"Come unto Me and rest."

GRACE TO YOU & PEACE / MUSIC: F. 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 Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. — Eph. 5:18-21

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-JUL</u>	<u>AUG 2020¹</u>	<u>MERCY²</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$265,950	\$11,796	\$15,020
BUDGETED GIVING _____	252,000	36,000	---
DIFFERENCE _____	+13,950	-24,204	---

¹as of 8/14/2020; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors
²Year-to-date Mercy special offering contributions (for COVID-19 relief)

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