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**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Stewardship: Money Matters Week 1**  
**October 4, 2020**  
**10:45 a.m.**

**Welcome**

*Please stand*

## **Great Are You, Lord**

**You give life, You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord.**

*Chorus [twice]*

**It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.**

*Bridge [Sing 3 times]*

**And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
“Great are You, Lord!”**

*Chorus*

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Call to Worship** (*Selected verses from 2 Corinthians 8-9*)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that we by His poverty might become rich.

**The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**And God is able to make all grace abound, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, we may abound in every good work.**

So that we will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way.

**For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgiving to God.**

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift.

## **Confession and Absolution** *(From 2 Corinthians 8:1-9)*

In today's second reading, Paul describes the generosity of the Macedonian churches. **They gave in the midst of severe trial.**

They gave out of extreme poverty.  
**They gave even beyond their own ability.**

And the Macedonian churches gave themselves first to the Lord.  
**Forgive us, merciful Father, for too frequently our giving is nothing like this.**

Instead, we hoard our wealth, make excuses for our miserliness, and stubbornly refuse to give ourselves to You, to others, or to anyone else.  
**Forgive us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hear the best news you will ever hear! "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor, so that we by His poverty might become rich." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce that you are forgiven—richly, fully, and eternally—in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen! Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**Lord Jesus Christ, make us wise and faithful stewards of Your gifts, so that we serve our neighbors in need, extend the Gospel to people without hope, and live to the praise of Your glorious grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*1 Chronicles 29:1–9*

Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God – gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble – all of these in large quantities. Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasure of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?"

*Continued...*

Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. The people rejoice at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

## **Epistle**

*2 Corinthians 8:1–9*

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

*Please stand*

## **Gospel**

*Mark 12:41–44*

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

*Be seated*

## **Children's Message**

*Please stand*

## **Cornerstone**

**My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.**

*Chorus*

**Christ alone, Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.**

*Verse 2*

**When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

*Chorus 2*

**Christ alone, Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.  
He is Lord. Lord of all.**

*Chorus*

**Christ alone, Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.**

*Verse 3*

**When He shall come with trumpet sound.  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless stand before the throne.**

*Chorus*

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*Be seated*

## Sermon

Pastor David Linkugel

### "The Macedonian Model" 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

With great wealth often comes great \_\_\_\_\_.

Some Christians in Corinth had an earning \_\_\_\_\_.

Other Christians in Corinth had an earning \_\_\_\_\_.

The Macedonians gave \_\_\_\_\_.

They gave willingly because of \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus went from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ so we might go from  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Christ was rejected and despised so we stand \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The Macedonians also gave \_\_\_\_\_.

The Macedonians also gave \_\_\_\_\_.

Prayerfully consider the ways you can use the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ God has given each one of us to serve God.

*Please stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**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.**

## Prayers

### Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Be seated*

### **Distribution**

#### **The Stand**

**You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand.**

**You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.**

*Verse 2*

**You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame.**

**My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, my soul now to stand.**

*PreChorus*

**So what can I say? And what can I do,**

**But offer this heart, O God, completely to You?**

*Verse 3*

**So I'll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me.**

**My life to declare Your promise, my soul now to stand.**

*PreChorus [twice]*

**So what can I say? And what can I do,**

**But offer this heart, O God, completely to You?**

*Chorus [twice]*

**So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,**

**In awe of the One who gave it all.**

**I'll stand, my soul, Lord to You surrendered.**

**All I am is Yours. All I am is Yours.**

**So what can I say? And what can I do,**

**But offer this heart, O God, completely to You?**

## At The Cross

O Lord, You've searched me, You know my way.  
Even when I fail You, I know You love me.

Your holy presence surrounding me  
In every season, I know You love me. I know You love me.

### *Chorus*

At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this. You have overcome the grave,  
Your glory fills the highest place. What can separate me now?

You go before me, You shield my way.  
Your hand upholds me; I know You love me.  
*[Sing Chorus twice]*

### *Bridge*

You tore the veil, You made a way when You said that, "It is done."  
You tore the veil, You made a way when You said that, "It is done."

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes.  
And You stand before me, I know You love me;  
I know You love me.

### *Chorus, Bridge*

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## Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You, never let me go;  
I lay it all down again to hear You say that I'm Your friend.

You are my desire, no one else will do;  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place,  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.  
Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

### *Chorus [twice]*

You're all I want; You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want; Help me know You are near.  
Help me know You are near.

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## **Healer**

**You hold my ev'ry moment, You calm my raging seas.  
You walk with me through fire and heal all my disease.  
I trust in You, I trust in You.**

### *Chorus*

**I believe You're my healer; I believe You are all I need.  
I believe You're my portion; I believe You're more than enough for me.  
Jesus, You're all I need.**

### *Bridge twice*

**Nothing is impossible for You.  
Nothing is impossible, Nothing is impossible for You.  
You hold my world in Your hands.**

### *Chorus 2*

**I believe You're my healer; I believe You are all I need.  
I believe You're my portion;  
I believe You're more than enough for me.  
Jesus You're all I need. More than enough for me.  
Jesus You're all I need, More than enough for me.**

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*Please stand*

## **Communion Response *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)***

**I will sing to and worship the King Who is worthy.  
I will love and adore You, I will bow down before You.  
You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.**

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## **Prayer**

### **Benediction**

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.  
**Amen.**

## **Build My Life**

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You**

### *Verse 2*

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You**

### *Chorus*

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

*[Repeat verse 2 and Chorus]*

### *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**

### *Chorus*

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

### *Bridge*

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### *Be seated*

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