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# THE CONNECTION

October 20, 2024  
10:30am



***The Sacrament Of The Altar** will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.*

**--PRESERVICE SONG “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

**--ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**--WORSHIP SONG “Draw Me Close to You” (Psalm 73:25-28)**

Verse...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 can take Your place,

to feel the warmth of Your embrace.

Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

Chorus...You’re all I want. You’re all I’ve ever needed.

You’re all I want, help me know You are near.

Repeat Chorus, then...Help me know You are near, help me know You are near.

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**(Please stand)**

**INVOCATION**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**--CONFESSION OF SINS**

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**--FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostle's 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**

**(Please sit)**

**--FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-27**

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of

Israel." <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said,

*(continued...)*

“Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, “Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.” <sup>16</sup>But he

said, “As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused. <sup>17</sup>Then Naaman said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mules’ load of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. <sup>18</sup>In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter.” <sup>19</sup>He said to him, “Go in peace.”

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, <sup>20</sup>Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” <sup>21</sup>So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, “Is all well?” <sup>22</sup>And he said, “All is well. My master has sent me to say, ‘There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two festal garments.’” <sup>23</sup>And Naaman said, “Be pleased to accept two talents.” And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two festal garments, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. <sup>24</sup>And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. (*continued...*)

<sup>25</sup>He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.”

<sup>26</sup>But he said to him, “Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards

## --SECOND LESSON 1 *Timothy 6:11-16*

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to

**(Please stand)**

## --GOSPEL LESSONS *Matthew 6:24-26* and *Mark 10:23-31*

### *Matthew 6:24-26*

<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?

<sup>27</sup>Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

L. Here ends the first reading.

keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

L. Here ends the second reading.

### *Mark 10:23–31*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” *(continued...)*

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now

in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**(Please sit)**

## --CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG "Only Your Mercy"** (*Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 2: 1, 4-5, 8-9*)

Verse 1...Only Your mercy, only Your grace, only Your Spirit brings us to faith;

O what a wonder that You chose us first, not by our merit, but Your perfect work.

Verse 2...Only Your goodness, only Your love, only Your pardon poured out in blood;

Your righteousness exchanged for our sin, O what a Savior, O what a Friend!

Chorus...Jesus, we long to worship You, and give You all glory and praise;

All that You are, all that You have, we have received by faith.

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**--MESSAGE OF THE DAY "MONEY'S TEMPTING SIDE"** *The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**(Please stand)**

## --PRAYERS

***(Sung at beginning of prayers)***

***"The Spirit Intercedes For Us"*** (*Romans 8:26*)

The Spirit intercedes for us,

With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

*The pastor will conclude the prayers with:*

*"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."*

***(Sung at end of the prayers)***

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**--THE LORD'S PRAYER---*Caribbean*** (Matthew 6: 9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who  
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.

Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.

Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

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**--WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P. 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  $\times$  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  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Please sit**

**--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”** (Titus 3:4-6)

Verse 1...Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus...You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 2...Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus...

Verse 3...Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we’re falling before Your throne.

Sing Chorus twice...

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**“We Delight”** (Nehemiah 8:18a; Psalm 1:2; Exodus 13:21)

Chorus...We delight in the law of Your Word. We delight in the Son who was perfect from birth. We delight in the day He’s returning to earth Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse 1...We will bow our hearts because we are free as we raise our hands to give You glory, Father of life and love and infinite worth.

Verse 2...We’re delivered by blood that flows from the tree. Draw us near to You, vessels of Your mercy. Before the invention of man glorious Trinity. Chorus...

Verse 3...We will lift our eyes to the cloud and the flame; Lord, You guide our steps and restore us again. The nations of man will rejoice in the God of the wilderness.

Chorus, then... Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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**--COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**--BENEDICTION**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. Amen.**

**--CLOSING SONG “Lord, Reign in Me”** *(Psalm 146:5-7)*

Verse 1...Over all the earth, You reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

Chorus...Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Verse 2...Over every thought, over every word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.

Repeat Chorus twice, then...Won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

✝ To GOD Alone Be All Glory ✝