

Sermon Series on The Gospel of John

10 March 2024

Message 8: The First Sign – John 2:1-12 (NAS95)

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TAKEAWAYS:

1. Sometimes God responds to _____ before we are aware of them. (Bridegroom) (Praise Him for this.)
2. God responds to our concern and _____ for others. (Mary) (Intercede for others.)
3. Sometimes we have no idea how to _____ a problem. (Head waiter) (God is bigger than your problem. Take it to him.)
4. Follow Mary’s _____ and her _____ to the servants. Intercede for others, with the expectation that Jesus will respond; then do whatever he tells you.



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Purpose Statement:

We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

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Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM
Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor
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Order of Worship
Sunday, March 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(Congregation responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. For God has redeemed us from trouble. Let us thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind. Let us come before God with thanksgiving. And tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.

(Prayer) Everlasting God, we gather knowing You are present among us. Guide our hearts and minds to listen to Your word: in our hearts, in our movements, and in our prayers. Inhabit our praise Lord, inhabit our praise, we lift our hands to You to worship and adore You. Lord, we welcome you in this place today. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**.

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[I Love You Lord and I Lift My Voice/I Exalt Thee](#)

[Think About His Love](#) [I Love You](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Your Word. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear it truly, that we may be saved from darkness and turn to Your light. In Jesus name we pray and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 32:22-32 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: [More Than Anything](#)

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-9 (NASB95)

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary

³ **And gathered from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

⁴ They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city.

⁵ **They were hungry and thirsty; their soul fainted within them.**

⁶ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses.

⁷ **He led them also by a straight way, to go to an inhabited city.**

⁸ Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

⁹ **For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.**

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-12 (NASB95)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ!

(following the reading)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

SERMON: <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us confess our sins with one another before Almighty God.

(quiet confession)

Let us pray together.

Lord God, we confess that you are Jehovah Jireh, the God who sees ahead and provides in advance. We praise you for the times that crisis have been averted, and needs we did not know about were met, because others interceded for us and obeyed you. Thank you for mercifully stepping into the situations that we brought upon ourselves because of our sin, and for sustaining us through the challenges endured due to no fault of our own.

We thank you for Jesus's death on the cross, and for the forgiveness we have received through repentance and surrendering our lives to Him. Forgive us and receive us as your children, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (liturgy on screen)

ATHANASIAN CREED (an abridged modern language excerpt)

But it is necessary for eternal salvation that one also believe in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully. Now this is the true faith:

That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally. He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

Although he is God and human, yet Christ is not two, but one. He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to himself. He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person. For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and human.

He suffered for our salvation; he arose from the dead; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the Catholic faith: one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

Secretary of Commerce – Gina Raimondo

State Board of Education: Charles Shields (president)

Carol Hallquist (vice-president)

Pamela Westbrooks

Announcements

Corporate Fasting: Our corporate fasting and prayer time will be at the end of this month from Thursday March 28th to conclude Sunday March 31st with communion. Information will be available on the church family page of our website.

2024 Theme Of the year: Our church theme for the year is the 3P – Proclaim, Persuade, & Pray.

March Leadership Meeting: This meeting may be moved to March 24th. Be on the lookout for information on this.