

TAILGATE WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Opening Scripture

Genesis 50: 15-21

Laurel Sutherin

Joseph Reassures His Brothers

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Opening Hymn 170

"O How I Love Jesus"

Lily Sutherin

- 1.) There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

- 2.) It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea

Refrain:

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

- 3.) It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Refrain:

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

Welcome

Pastor Scott Clawson

Prayer for Reflection

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Laurel Sutherin

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits-- who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. Amen.

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"Awesome God" X2

Lily Sutherin

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love.

Our God is an awesome God!

Our God is an awesome God, Our God is an awesome God!

Prayers of the People

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18: 21-35

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The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.^[a]

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[b] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.^[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Sermon

“Forgiveness, Muscle Memory”

Pastor Scott Clawson

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, With your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Partaking of Communion

Closing Hymn 622

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in His day; and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away; and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
3. Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
4. E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
5. Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save, when this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave. Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; when this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

Benediction

Pastor Scott Clawson

Daily Devotions:

Monday, 9/14- Exodus 16:2-15

The Israelites are now free from slavery by God's mighty acts. How do they respond from this deliverance? What are you complaining to the Lord about today? Are your complaints bracketed in thankfulness?

Tuesday, 9/15- Psalm 105: 1,6, 37-45

In what ways do you make known the deeds that the Lord has done for you to friends, family, and friends? What opportunities will the Lord present to you today to proclaim the Lord's wondrous deeds? Look for those opportunities this week.

Wednesday, 9/16- Jonah 3: 10- 4:11

Why was Jonah angry with the grace upon grace of God toward the Ninevites? Do we sometimes hold a grudge with somebody who we thought did not deserve God's mercy and grace? How can we begin to be joyous of the grace placed on others as well as the undeserved grace that we have received?

Thursday, 9/17- Psalm 145: 1-8

Take the time today to meditate on God's majesty and wondrous works in the world.

Friday, 9/18- Philippians 1: 21-20

Have you ever suffered because of your discipleship to Christ? Did you consider it a privilege? How difficult is it to follow Christ while still living in the flesh? Pray today for the spirit to overcome the desires of your flesh.

Saturday, 9/19- Matthew 20: 1-16

This parable shows God's unbelievable grace and mercy on those who are long-serving and those who came to salvation at the last minute. If you have been long serving do you resent those who slide into glory (such as the thief on the cross) at the last minute? If so, why, and how can you change your perspective?

Sunday, 9/20- Worship in person or online.