



Reaching Ocala to Reach the World

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2017 Verse of the Year:

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8a (NAS)

Lord's Day Resurrection Service
August 20, 2017

What do you delight in? What do you desire?

Do not fret because of evildoers,
Be not envious toward wrongdoers.
For they will wither quickly like the grass
And fade like the green herb.
Trust in the LORD and do good;
Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light
And your judgment as the noonday.

Psalm 37:1-6

THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

• Hymn of Entry "Come, People of the Risen King"



Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de-light to bring Him
Come, those whose joy is morn-ing sun, and those weep-ing through the
Come, young and old from ev -'ry land, men and wom-en of the



praise. Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the
night. Come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those
faith. Come, those with full or emp - ty hands; find the



Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows
strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will
rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His



of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where
nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but
peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them call: the



stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er chil - dren in.
fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: Our — God is all in all!



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One



heart, one voice: O Church of Christ, re - joice!

• Pastor: Let us worship the God Who made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, and Who through another Man, Christ Jesus, is building all kinds of human beings into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit!

All: AMEN!

from Acts 17:26 & Ephesians 2:11-22

Almighty God,
You have created human beings in Your own image;
Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil,
and to make no peace with oppression;
and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it
in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations,
to the glory of Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

• **Psalm 9**

A praise song from the lips of the Lord's Anointed King

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High.

When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before Your presence.
For You have maintained my just cause;
You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
You have rebuked the nations; You have made the wicked perish;
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.
The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities You rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
He has established His throne for justice,
and He judges the world with righteousness;
He judges the peoples with uprightness.
The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know Your Name put their trust in You,
for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Sing praises to the LORD, Who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples His deeds!
For He Who avenges blood is mindful of them;
He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O LORD!
See my affliction from those who hate me,
O You Who lift me up from the gates of death,
that I may recount all Your praises,
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may rejoice in Your salvation.

The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
The LORD has made Himself known; He has executed judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.
The wicked shall return to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;
let the nations be judged before You!
Put them in fear, O LORD!
Let the nations know that they are but men!

• “Christ Is the World’s True Light”

An affirmation of the ethnic universality of the Body of Christ

1. Christ is the world's true light, our Cap - tain of sal - va - tion,
2. In Christ all rac - es meet, their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,
3. One Lord, in one great name u - nite us all who own thee;

1. our Day - star clear and bright, De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion.
2. the whole round world com - plete from sun - rise to its set - ting.
3. cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee.

1. New life, new hope a-wakes for all who own his sway; free-dom her
2. When Christ is throned as Lord all shall for-sake their fear, to plough-share
3. The world has wait - ed long, has tra-vailed long in pain; to heal its

1. bond - age breaks and night is turned to day.
2. beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
3. an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

Let us confess our sins against our God and our neighbor:

Almighty and merciful God,

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises

declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just,

and humble life to the glory of Your holy Name.

We pray in silence.

• **The Beatitudes**

A portrait of the Crucified Lord and life in His Kingdom

In Thy Kingdom, remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom!

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are you when they shall revile you, and shall persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.

**Rejoice and be exceedingly glad,
for great is your reward in heaven.**

Matthew 5:3-12

• **“Speak, O Lord”**

We ask the Lord to open our hearts to His vision for us as a holy people:

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness:
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority:
Words of power that can never fail —
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us:
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your Church is built,
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

**We Offer Up Ourselves and the World
in the Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**
Children age 4-1st Grade may be dismissed for Children's Worship.

Offertory Song "For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

*You are invited to offer this song to the Lord
as your prayer for someone dear to you.*

For Your gift of God the Spirit, power to make *his/her* life anew,
Pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, *he/she* would worship You.
Crowning Gift of resurrection sent from Your ascended throne,
Fullness of the very Godhead, come to make Your life *his/her* own.

You Who in creation's dawning brooded on the lifeless deep,
Still across *his/her* nature's darkness move to wake *his/her* soul from sleep,
Move to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrust *him/her* through with sense of sin,
Bring to birth and seal and fill *him/her* – saving Advocate within.

You, the mighty God, indwell *him/her*; Yours to strengthen, help, empower,
Yours to overcome the tempter, *his/hers* to call in danger's hour.
In Your strength *he/she* dares to battle all the raging hosts of sin,
And by You alone *he/she* conquers foes without and foes within.

Father, grant Your Holy Spirit in *his/her* heart may rule today,
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
work in *him/her* Your sovereign way.
Fill *him/her* with Your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;
In *him/her*, through *him/her*, then, forever, shall Your perfect will be done.

- *Please rise to bless the Lord:*
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

- **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Self-Offering**

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US BY HIS WORD

Scripture reading: Psalm 37:4-5

Sermon: "Playing Favorites"
Pastor Carl Brannan, Jr.

Prayers of God's People

THE LORD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE OTHERS

A prayer for college students beginning a new semester

- *Lift your face to receive God's blessing:*
The LORD bless you, and keep you;
The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace:
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

All: AMEN!

Numbers 6:24-26

- **Departing Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**
Hymnal No. 575

The congregational meeting follows the service.

**“PLAYING FAVORITES”
Psalm 37:4-5**

Theme: “Even if You don’t...”

I. **Precious Preoccupation** (verse 4a)

II. **Precious Promises** (verse 4b)

III. **Precious Plea** (verse 5a)

IV. **Precious Peace** (verse 5b)

Conclusion: