

Who We Are

A community by grace loving the Lord Jesus and making him known

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RESURRECTION GREETING & RESPONSE:

Pastor: Peace be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION:

“This is the great mystery of the gospel in the blood of Christ, that those who sin every day should have peace with God all their days.” —John Owen

WORSHIP THEME

The Lord Jesus: Friend For Sinners

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 117:1-2

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

CLOSING SONG

DOXOLOGY

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.

BENEDICTION

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST

Exodus 24:10-11

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 39)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side.
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast;
Christ the victim and Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat the manna from above.

Mighty Savior from the sky,
Pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
With the Spirit, ever be.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 1— Elder Andrew Marble

Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree

planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—Pastor Rolf Meintjes

In Preparation for the Bread & Wine:

For those who are Christians

RMCC Communing Members are welcome at this table. For our younger members who've not been interviewed by your elders, watch and listen carefully as the elements are passed, but withhold for now.

Guests from other Christian churches are invited to partake with us (your children, too, if they have been baptized and publicly professed faith).

All should prepare your hearts by self-examination and prayer (1 Cor 11). If you're in conflict, though, and refusing to seek reconciliation, Christ says, "First, go and be reconciled." (Mt 5)

If you are not a Christian

We are delighted to have you with us today! We ask you not to partake of the bread and wine but instead use this time to consider the claims that you've heard this morning and reflect on this invitation: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt 11:28-29)

If you have any questions, please speak to any of our pastors or elders in the front of the sanctuary after the service today.

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD WITH SINGING

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.*

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.*

Jesus! I do now receive him,

He hath granted me forgiveness,

More than all in him I find;

I am his, and he is mine.*

“We Never Saw Anything Like This”

—PRIORITY of Forgiveness

— PERSEVERANCE of Faith

For Reflection:

1. What’s surprising about the way Jesus initially addresses the paralyzed man? What does it teach us about the priority of forgiveness? How does this challenge your thinking? How are you tempted to use the Lord to get to other “saviors”?
2. What does Mark tell us moved the Lord to forgive the paralyzed man? What were the attitudes and actions of the men that demonstrate strong faith? What practical steps could you take to deepen your own faith?
3. What struck you as the most significant point in the sermon? What is God teaching you this week? How can we be praying for you?

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN— Adapted from the Beatitudes

Father in heaven, forgive us for not seeing our need for you. For not mourning about the things that grieve you. For not believing that you give us far better than we deserve. For not hungering and thirsting for the world to be restored. For not showing mercy to those in need. For not seeking you with singleness of heart. For not pursuing peace in our relationships. For not taking a stand for you and your people—even when it hurts. Father, forgive us and help us to be kingdom-minded people. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

“You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:8

MISSIONS REPORT—Tara & Sophia Barthel

OUR RESPONSE—PASTORAL PRAYER

IN UNISON:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-12

SERMON TITLE: *“We Never Saw Anything Like This”*

SPEAKER: Pastor Jason Barrie

SERMON SERIES: The Gospel of Mark: Authentic Discipleship

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk?’ ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹²And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”