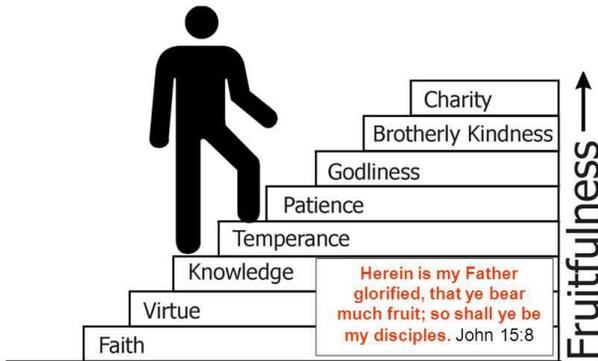


God's Call to Spiritual Growth 2Peter 1:3-11



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June 18, 2017 9:30 Worship

ADORATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus, there's more to following you than just my initial 'yes.' You shape what I now accept as normal and holy. Help me when I get stuck or when I deceive myself. Teach me something new in worship today. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE DAY Robin Mark & Vicky Beeching

To you, O Lord, will all the earth give glory;
no other name will share the glory due.
Though kingdoms rise and nations mock your mercy,
one day they'll stand and worship only you.

Every knee will bow down, every tongue say out loud,
"You are the Lord of earth and heaven."
Every hand will be raised in a thunder of praise!
"You are the King of all creation,"
they'll say one day.

Today we join with angels and archangels
who never cease by day and night to sing.
Yet we await the moment earth joins heaven
around your throne to raise an offering.
For yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

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The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty:
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

How great is our God! How great is our God!
How great, how great is our God!

Age to age he stands, and time is in hands:
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead three-in-one: Father, Spirit, and Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! How great is our God!
How great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
my heart will sing, "How great is our God!" (twice)

How great is our God! How great is our God!
How great, how great is our God!

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee:
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee:
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
MEET & GREET

Jonah part 1

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

By C.L. Bancroft and V. Cook

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Thanksgiving & Supplication

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.

My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ,
and marvel at this love divine,
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
to make me righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I cannot know,
but I can glory in its flood;
The Lord Most High has bowed down low,
and poured on me his glorious love,
and poured on me his glorious love.

Confession

UNISON PRAYER

Wallace Fridy

Free me this day, O Lord,
from all fear of the future,
from all anxiety about tomorrow,
from all bitterness towards anyone,
from all cowardice in face of danger,
from all laziness in the face of work,
from all failure before opportunity,
from all weakness when your power is at hand.

But fill me
with love that knows no barrier,
with sympathy that reaches to all,
with courage that cannot be shaken,
with faith strong enough for the darkness,
with strength sufficient for my tasks,
with loyalty to your kingdom's goal,
with wisdom to meet life's complexities,
with power to lift me to thee.

Be with me for another day, and use me as you
choose. For Christ's sake I pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Jesus, All for Jesus

Jesus, all for Jesus

Robin Mark

All I am and have and ever hope to be

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into your hands.

For it is only in your will that I am free.
For it is only in your will that I am free.

PSALM READING

Psalm 37, NLT

Don't worry about the wicked.

Don't envy those who do wrong.

For like grass, they soon fade away.

Like springtime flowers, they soon wither.

Trust in the LORD and do good.

Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

Take delight in the LORD,

and he will give you your heart's desires.

Commit everything you do to the LORD.

Trust him, and he will help you.

He will make your innocence as clear as the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine like the
noonday sun.

Be still in the presence of the LORD,
and wait patiently for him to act.

Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret
about their wicked schemes.

Stop your anger! Turn from your rage!

Do not envy others -- it only leads to harm.

For the wicked will be destroyed,

but those who trust in the LORD will possess the
land.

In a little while, the wicked will disappear.

Though you look for them, they will be gone.

Those who are gentle and lowly will possess the
land; they will live in prosperous security.

The wicked plot against the godly; they snarl at
them in defiance. But the LORD just laughs,
for he sees their day of judgment coming...

It is better to be godly and have little
than to be evil and possess much.

For the strength of the wicked will be shattered,
but the LORD takes care of the godly.

Day by day the LORD takes care of the innocent,
and they will receive a reward that lasts forever.

They will survive through hard times;

even in famine they will have more than enough.

But the wicked will perish...

The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD.

He delights in every detail of their lives.

Though they stumble, they will not fall,

for the LORD holds them by the hand...

Don't be impatient for the LORD to act!

Travel steadily along his path.

He will honor you, giving you the land.

You will see the wicked destroyed.

EPISTLE READING 2 Peter 1: 3 – 12, The Message

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

So, friends, confirm God's invitation to you, his choice of you. Don't put it off; do it now. Do this, and you'll have your life on a firm footing, the streets paved and the way wide open into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SERMON

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

TAKE MY LIFE Scott Underwood
Holiness, holiness is what I long for
Holiness is what I need. 1995 Mercy/Vineyard
Holiness, holiness is what you want from me.

Take my heart and form it.
Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it
to yours, to yours, O Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want from me.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what you want
from me.

DEPART WITH BLESSING



We do not “pass the plates” during the 9:30 service. To make a donation to the church, the offering plates are by the doors.

June Stewardship Message

Holiness from God helps us see
the true value of things around us.

My suffering was good for me,
for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees.
Your instructions are more valuable to me
than millions in gold and silver.

Psalm 119: 71 -72, NLT

Communion At Monroe United Methodist Church

Everyone is invited, no matter your church membership.

Our founder John Wesley said that sometimes it's in taking communion that people experience grace and want to follow Jesus.

We use grape juice instead of wine.

Pastor Randy has gluten-free wafers for communion.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, notify an usher who will in turn notify the communion servers to go to you.