

26th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

The Reading of the Day is from Mark 10:13-16. Following Jesus' discussion of marriage, adultery, and divorce early in the tenth chapter of his Gospel, Mark shifts into this story about parents and children. (Luke lowers the age even more: "Now they were bringing even infants to Him" [18:15].) Mark writes that the parents wanted Jesus to "touch them" (10:13), and Matthew records that the parents desired Jesus to "lay His hands on them and pray" (19:13). In the following story about the rich young man who cannot say good-bye to his wealth (Mark 10:17–31), we see a stark contrast to these children. The young man won't let go of his reliance on worldly wealth, whereas the children receive Him who is the true God and Savior.

OPENING SONG: "Start A Fire" Unspoken

Verse 1

This world can be cold and bitter Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better But am I really gonna hide forever?
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
Let Your light shine, let Your light shine for all to see

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

Verse 2

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze It only takes a little faith
Let it start right here in this city So these old walls will never be the same
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
They need to know I need to go
Spirit won't you fall on my heart now

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day
We have the hope, we bear Your name
We carry the news that You have come to save Only You can save

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day
Yeah, start a fire in me

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: Streets of Bethlehem

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

People: Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed: We have not loved You with our whole heart, We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; We repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: “Revelation Song” Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy Holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

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Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be to
You the only wise King

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder at the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
such a marv'lous mystery

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
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TIME IN THE WORD

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Reading of the Day: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” “What did Moses command you?” he replied. They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let

the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING SONG: “Who You Say We Are” Steven Curtis Chapman

Verse 1

Oh how great is the love The Father has lavished on us
That we should be called the children of God
Oh how great was the cost The Father was willing to pay
So we could be called the children of God

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Verse 2

Oh how great is Your amazing grace That took us as orphans and slaves
And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name
There's nothing more that we could ever do You finished it all on the cross
And rose from the grave and brought us with You

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Pre-chorus 2

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You Jesus
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 2

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

End Tag

Hallelujah we are who You say we are

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "My Lighthouse" Rend Collective

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms
(Repeat 3 times)

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!