

4th Sunday after Epiphany
The Church Is Sent to The World
January 29, 2023 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 13:1-12. The Holy Spirit plays the lead role in the missional efforts of the church. This truth is abundantly clear as the assembled church at Antioch sends out the first missionary team. In this session, we will see how the church, in obedience to the Great Commission and the call of the Holy Spirit, goes “on offense” in a new way while the enemy plays defense. Although the focus will be upon Barnabas and Saul, the whole church was involved in their missionary enterprise through prayer, fasting, commissioning, and support.

OPENING PRAISE 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

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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 REGISTER ATTENDANCE

INVOCATION

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

PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

People: At times, we are lured by the world's deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

People: Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, obedience, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes. 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: "Lord, I Need You" © Matt Maher, 2013

Verse 1

Lord I come, I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Ending

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God how I need you
Your one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God how I need you

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The Reading of the Day: Acts 13:1-12

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun."

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX | PRAYER CARDS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: "Holy Spirit" Francesca Battistelli

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more That could ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord Your presence, Lord

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Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your presence
 Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
 Let us become more aware of Your presence
 Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
 Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
 Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
 To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

COMMUNION SONG: “Christ Is Risen” Matt Maher**Verse 1**

Let no one caught in sin remain Inside the lie of inward shame
 We fix our eyes upon the cross And run to Him Who showed great love

And bled for us Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
 Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
 Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
 Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will
 No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown No burden great can hold You down

In strength You reign Forever let Your church proclaim

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
 Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
 Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
 Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Bridge

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
 O church, come stand in the light The glory of God has defeated the night
 O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
 O church, come stand in the light Our God is not dead, He's alive! He's alive!

Chorus

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DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS**PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING SONG:** “We Believe” Hooper | Fike | Ryan**Verse 1**

In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
 There is only one foundation We believe We believe

In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again
We believe

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations We believe We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe We believe

Chorus

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We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back

Ending

He's coming back again He's coming back again
We believe We believe

SEND OFF

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