

SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
The Righteousness of Faith Apart from the Law
June 7, 2026 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

Hosea exposes the emptiness of mere ritual, calling instead for a steadfast love that acknowledges our deep spiritual need. In Romans, Paul highlights Abraham to show that justification never comes through fulfilling the Law, but entirely by faith in God's promises. Finally, Jesus encapsulates this in Matthew, declaring that He came to call sinners, not the self-righteous, offering mercy over sacrifice.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: "Take You At Your Word"

Aodhan King, Benjamin Hastings, Cody Carnes

Verse 1

Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your way is the only way for me
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I want to be on it
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide
'Cause You're good on Your promise

Chorus

I'll take You at Your Word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your Word

Verse 2

You spoke and the chaos fell in line
I know 'cause I've seen it in my life
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I want to be on it
It's a narrow road the tide is high
But You parted the water

Chorus

I'll take You at Your Word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your Word

Chorus

I'll take You at Your Word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your Word

Bridge

You said Your love will never give up
You said Your grace is always enough
You said Your heart would never forget or forsake me
You said I'm saved
You call me Yours
You said my future's full of Your hope
You've never failed so I know that You'll never fail me

Chorus

I'll take You at Your Word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your Word
(Repeat Chorus)

Ending

You're good on Your promise
I'll take You at Your Word

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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

People: We confess to you, Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own fault. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. 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.

BAPTISM: Sailor Jordan Roehrs

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.

PRAISE SONG: "Lord, I Need You" Matt Maher, 2013

Verse 1

Lord I come, I confess Bowing 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
You're my one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: Merciful God, You desire steadfast love rather than sacrifice, and You came to call not the self-righteous, but sinners to repentance. Grant us the faith of Abraham, that trusting entirely in Your promises and not our own works, we may be credited with the righteousness of Christ, our spiritual Physician, who lives and reigns with You forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children's Bible Reading: Page 256

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5:15–6:6

Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—in their misery they will earnestly seek me." "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his

presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” “What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth—then my judgments go forth like the sun. For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: Romans 4:13–25

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OFFERING | TREASURE CHEST

OFFERING SONG: “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine I can sing
All is mine Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Repeat)

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Rescuer" Rend Collective

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Bridge

So come and be chainless Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary
(Repeat Bridge)

End Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

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All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!