

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Thoughts for the Day:

- In condemning and censuring others, we are thrusting ourselves into God's place, taking his scepter into our hands, and presuming to exercise one of His sole prerogatives.
 J.R. Miller
- ❖ When we look down on others with haughty judgment, we invoke the same compassionless treatment from God toward our infirmities. What a terrifying response from the living God! Belligerent people are told they can expect to be handled by God, not according to His tender compassion, but with severity matching their contempt of others. Such words should sober even the most hardened heart and result in a fresh realization that self-righteousness tops God's list of man's most despised iniquities (Prov. 6:16-19).
 Jerry Wragg
- ❖ If anyone is still alive there is hope for change and growth. God isn't finished with any of us yet.
- ❖ "We are all recovering from something—and there is grace for that."

- Will Starkweather

Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather to affirm that we are all united in God's sacred family;

People: We are each different and unique, yet we are one as children of God.

Leader: We gather to affirm that we are called to love and serve one another;

People: We learn by Jesus' example to love our neighbor in all that we do.

Leader: We gather to affirm that each of us has gifts to offer;

People: We are members of the one body, each blessed with gifts for God's service.

All: Let us celebrate and worship as a family of God.

Song: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, verses 1-3 (music at end of bulletin)

The Confession:

All: God of light, we confess that we do not always follow your shining star on the path that reveals your loving presence. Although you accept us unconditionally, we reject people we find hard to love. Although you cherish all of your children without bias or bigotry, we erect walls of prejudice around people different than us. Although you extend your love to all people, we hold back our gifts and service and goodwill as we choose to. Forgive us, God, and pour your love in us so full that there is no room for intolerance. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news: God forgives us, and gives us the strength and courage to forgive others. By God's grace we can find new paths on which to shine God's light so that God's love is revealed to more people. Be thankful, for you are forgiven.

The Confession Response: Song of Acceptance (music at end of bulletin)

The Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ² For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your neighbor, ^[b] 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's ^[c] eye.

Message: "Logs, Dirty Windows and Hasty Narrow Judgments"

Message Response: Love For Enemies (music at end of bulletin)

The Prayers

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.

The Sending Out:

Leader: Go now with the grace and love of God, who reminds us that complete love

includes love for God, for neighbor and for self. Live in love in all that you

do, that you may be a witness of God to those around you.

All: Amen.

Sending Song: In Mission Together (music at end of bulletin)

The Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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