

Sunday Worship

The Meekness of Moses

July 26, 2020

Whispers of His Name
(Finding Christ in the
OT)

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Video is part of the Prelude video

Call to Worship

> Good morning and welcome to Grace Sacramento.

> *My name is ... and I'd like to welcome you live from our Grace Sacramento building this morning...*

> *As we begin our service, let's draw near to our everlasting God. Our call to worship this morning comes from Psalm 90, a prayer by Moses. Please stand if you are able and read with me the verses in bold.*

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let Your work be shown to Your servants,
and Your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!
From everlasting to everlasting, You are God!

Let us sing to the Lord, and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

King Of Love

Intro, V1, V2, C, instr. 1, V3, V4, C, instr. 2, Bridge, C x2, instr. 1, V5

What A Beautiful Name

B2, C3, Ending

Confession/Assurance

Friends, even as the people of God, we are reminded daily that we still sin. God's Word urges us to acknowledge our sins and confess our failures before God and one another so that we may be forgiven through His boundless goodness and mercy. So, let's look to His mercy as we pray together. Our call to confession comes from Psalm 103.

Call to Confession [Psalm 103:9-12]

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will He keep His anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Confession of Sin [Based on Psm.119: 132-133; 1 Kings 3:9; Rom.8:26-27; Matt.13:31-33, 44-46]

**Holy God,
turn to us and be gracious to us.
Keep our steps steady according to Your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over us.
Give us understanding minds and
help us to discern between good and evil.
May Your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words.
Fill us with the joy and power of the kingdom,
making disciples of all nations and finding our greatest treasure in You.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

[Silent Reflection]

Words of Assurance [Based on Romans 8:31-34]

God remembers, in the covenant of Christ's blood, not to treat us as our sins deserve. Our words of assurance come from Romans 8:31-34.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Church, what do we believe concerning the love of God?

**We believe that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God!

I Surrender

V1 x2, C, V2, Cx2, B, Cx4, V2

Doxology

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Prayers of the People

Will you join me as we pray through Psalm 93 and lift up our church, our city, our country and our world to our Lord? This morning, I've asked Mia to read the Scripture for us as we pray.

The Lord reigns; He is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting. [Psalm 93:1-2]

Sovereign God, this world feels far from firm and secure. It seems death greets us every day in the news. Whether from this pandemic or from acts of violence in our country. The never-ending loss of life is too difficult to bear. The closing again of gyms and eateries and places of worship. The fluctuations in the market. The uncertainty of what tomorrow brings. The conflicts and divide in our country over politics and race and about whether we should mask or not mask is too much. It seems that we are lost in the valley of the shadow of death, with faint memories of green pastures and still waters.

But Lord, it is in the midst of these troubling times, we're grateful that You reign in majesty and that You are strong. And in these changing times, that You are the unchanging One. We proclaim together that in You, we are secure. We're thankful for this community that You've brought together to help us remind each other of these truths from Your Word.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty! [Psalm 93:3-4]

Lord, like the disciples, we can easily be fearful of angry seas and pounding waves. Sometimes we wonder if you realize that we are perishing, if you see that chaotic waters threaten. And if we're honest, we doubt Your presence. We doubt Your goodness. And we doubt Your strength. We look inside and doubt if our faith is strong enough to whether the storm on our own.

But Lord, You know that we were never intended to whether the storm alone. Never to do it on our own strength. Too often our eyes have been on the crashing waves and turbulent waters. But You ask that our eyes be on You, the One who is mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea. Help us to fix our gaze on You, the One who calms the seas and tells the waves to be still. Remind us, again, that you are stronger than the chaos that threatens. We proclaim together that you are mighty.

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore. [Psalm 93:5]

The grass withers and the flowers fade but Your word stands forever. In the midst of an overwhelming pandemic crisis, Your Word stands firm. In the midst of violence and injustice, Your word stands firm. In the midst of sickness, Your Word stands firm. In the midst of change and uncertainty, Your Word stands firm. In the midst of every day of our life and the endlessness of our eternity, Your Word stands firm.

Remind us again that the Word of God stands firm regardless of a changing world around us. We proclaim together that holiness will always adorn Your house.

Faithful and loving God, lead us in the ways everlasting. Holy Spirit, nurture and edify our faith. Jesus, it is only in Your name that we have the boldness to approach the throne room of grace and pray. And so, it is in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Ministry Moment

WORD

Scripture Reading

Numbers 12:1-16

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Numbers 12:1-16. Please read with me the verses in bold.

[1] Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman.

[2] And they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?" And the Lord heard it.

[3] Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

[4] And suddenly the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out.

[5] And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward.

[6] And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.

[7] Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.

[8] With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

[9] And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed.

[10] When the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, like snow. And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and behold, she was leprous.

[11] And Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, do not punish us because we have done foolishly and have sinned.

[12] Let her not be as one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes out of his mother's womb."

[13] And Moses cried to the Lord, "O God, please heal her—please."

[14] But the Lord said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut outside the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought in again."

[15] So Miriam was shut outside the camp seven days, and the people did not set out on the march till Miriam was brought in again.

[16] After that the people set out from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Meekness of Moses

TABLE***Be Thou My Vision***

V1, V2, V3, V4

SENDING**Benediction****Postlude**
