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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME to worship! Today, we begin our summer sermon series on the Olympic Motto: *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger). Those are perfect descriptive words about the Gospel of Mark. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is always on the move, full of action, and heading with loving determination towards the cross. As we hear the stories of Jesus' loving actions, may He inspire our living with hope and compassion.

PRELUDE:

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#504 vv. 1-3

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat-'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot o-ver-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (People read/sing **bold** words.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair - all are washed away by grace.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

You, O God, give us new life.

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

You, O God, give us new life.

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

You, O God, give us new life.

And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

THE HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

#504 v. 4

God's Word forever shall abide,

no thanks to foes, who fear it;

for God himself fights by our side

with weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,

though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.

The Kingdom's ours forever!

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made the clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have

helped you." Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! We are

putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as

servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance,

afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights,

hunger; in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful

speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for

the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors

and yet are true, as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as

punished and yet not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many

rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you

Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections but only

in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

(People sing Alleluia again.)

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 4th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.

Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

(The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am)

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord #787 vv. 1-2, 4
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, . . . my rock . . . in whom I trust!"

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowl-er will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge with faith-ful-ness your shield.** (Refrain.)

**For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.** (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: *Citius, Altius, Fortius (Faster, Higher, Stronger)*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *I Will Fear No More* by The Afters

Andy Degan

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Indescribable (Chris Tomlin)
From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Every creature unique In the song that it sings
All exclaiming

**Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim**

You are amazing God

**Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.**

Indescribable, uncontainable

**You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

Beautiful Savior

#838

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine!

God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: We're Marching to Zion

#625 vs. 1-3

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

Refrain: **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God:
but children of the heav'n-ly King,
but children of the heav'n-ly King
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. (Refrain.)**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'n-ly fields,
before we reach the heav'n-ly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain.)**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Christian Asis & Pat McKinley; Lector: Pat McKinley; Ushers: Judy Ross, Pam & Patrick Thomas; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: Harold Limbong & Colleen McCray; Lector: Melody Bacon; Ushers: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Susan Behnke

5pm: Communion & Lector: Guy Boicey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ruth Anderson in memory of her husband, Harvey Anderson.

VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL) - Thank you to ALL the youth & adult leaders & other volunteers who contributed to make VBS a "splashing success"! Thanks to Congregational Life Director Susie Boland for "captaining" this event.

SUMMER STUDY with Dr. Melody Bacon, Wednesday, 6pm (June 26) - *The Transformative Potential of Life Transitions*: Explore how life transitions can serve as catalysts for profound personal, emotional and spiritual growth.

LUNCH AND LEARN - *"Following in the Footsteps of Saint Paul,"* Sunday, June 30, 11:30am, Bankson Hall. People who went to Greece/Turkey will share photos and thoughts related to this trip. Greek Food provided. Donation. Sign-up.

SERRA'S PANTRY - Gloria Dei volunteers on Saturday, July 20, 8:30am (and every 3rd Saturday). If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

SUMMER THEME - *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger) - We'll follow this Olympic motto and look at the Gospel of Mark, which is all about action. Watch the bulletin/newsletter for more details about Bible studies and more.

SUMMER BREAK FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL - Thanks to all the teachers and helpers. Sunday school for children (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am services) will resume on "Rally Sunday", September 8. If you have questions about teaching next fall or would like to register your child, please contact Susie Boland - sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - You are welcome to pick up a devotional booklet (July - September, 2024) at the Welcome Table while supplies last.

PAINT ALONG with watercolorist Dan Long! Join the Art Ministry for a step-by-step watercolor class on Friday, July 12, 1:00-3:30pm, Bankson Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Table. Email Art & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum with any questions.

PRIME TIMERS (Seniors) - Come and see the play *"The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant"* on July 26 @ 7:30 p.m. at Camino Real Playhouse, SJC. sign-up and reserve a ticket of \$32.00 at the Welcome Table. Questions, speak with Deacon Daneen Pysz.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

BIBLE YEAR READING GUIDE - For those reading through scripture, pick up a new reading study guide at the Welcome Table. This sheet guides everyone through the New Testament.

BIBLE YEAR STUDY - The Thursday class is now on a break and resumes July 18, Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a weekly study on the readings. (6/23/24 - John 20:1 through Acts 15:21). All are welcome. You can do it!

NURSERY is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services (babies - pre-K.). It is located up the steps, inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign your child in and grab a pager.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY is now on summer break and will resume in the fall. Thanks to everyone who led and attended!

SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL offers free English classes at Gloria Dei during summer - Mondays, 10am-noon, Online also available. Contact: esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (August 24)
- Women's Fall Bunco (September 6)
- Women's Fall Retreat at The Welk Resort (September 27-29)
- Oktoberfest sponsored by MGD (October 5)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE 23 -29, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); AL Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); AL Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Dr. Melody Bacon Presentation (6pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Fred Johnson Rehearsal (5pm); AL Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); NA Meeting (7pm)

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