

May 10-Written Service

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Special Music: Tim Van Peurse

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: A man covered in leprosy reached out his hand to Jesus saying, "Lord, if you are willing you can make me clean."

All: Jesus touched this untouchable man and healed him.

Leader: Let us worship the Savior whose touch restores both the body and the soul.

All: Let us worship the Lord who takes our uncleanness upon himself and makes us whole.

Song: My Life is in You, Lord

My Life is in You, Lord;

My strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord;

In You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord;

My strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord,

In You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,

I will praise You with all of my strength,

With all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord;

My strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord;

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My strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord;
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My life is in You, Lord;
My strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord;
In You, it's in You, in You.

Prayer

Song: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone;
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all!

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil!

Christ alone, Cornerstone;
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all!

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

Christ alone, Cornerstone;
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all!

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Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

Announcements

Profession of Faith- Claire Lewis

Special Music: "Make it Well" by MercyMe and sung by Tim Van Peurseem; trap set- Jeremiah Thompson

Congregational Prayer

Song: #710- Jesus, Lover of My Soul (vs. 1,3,4)

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:

Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick and lead the blind:

Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within:

Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Offering/Offertory

Offering Song- Spirit of the Living God

Offering Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture: Luke 5: 12-16

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

¹⁵ Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Message

- Answer any Luke Questions
- Intro- What's the best thing that's ever happened to you?
 - Did you post it right away?
 - Did you call someone to let them know?
 - When something amazing happens, that's usually our first reaction
 - The part of today's story from Luke that always confuses me is when Jesus asks this man to do the exact opposite
- Scripture-Luke 5:12-16
- How lepers were viewed then
 - To better understand this passage, it's helpful for us to get a good grasp on what it means that this man was a leper
 - We don't really struggle with leprosy today
 - And we have a different framework for understanding diseases

- Think back to the best thing that ever happened to you
 - And then imagine bottling that up and keeping it to yourself
 - No posting about it online
 - No calling grandma or your friends
 - No walking around school or work the next day asking every last person to “guess what?”
- Why would Jesus do that?
 - Is Jesus’ reluctance to spread the story too early similar to famous people avoiding paparazzi?
 - He didn’t want everyone following Him around expecting Him to do something again
 - Is this a savvy marketing move by Jesus like those secret menus at McDonald’s?
 - If we don’t tell anyone, it becomes this cool thing to know about and word spreads but quietly
 - Is Jesus motivation to show this man, and others, that He healed him out of compassion and not for the fame/popularity that it could bring?
- Imagine the impact this could make
 - If Jesus wanted large crowds all the time, He could have had them
 - If He wanted everyone to believe He was the Messiah, this would have been the way
 - I saw a video Francis Chan but I’m having trouble finding it back
 - He was talking about everything that went into ministry
 - All the prep for the message, all the work building relationships, everything else to help share Christianity in a winsome and appealing way
 - Then he said something like, “Or, Jesus, you could just heal this blind person”
 - Because that would theoretically have the same impact
 - People, now like in this story, would see that and be amazed
- Even though Jesus told the man to be quiet, He also told him to fulfill the purification rituals with the priests so that he could return home
 - Even though they tried to keep it quiet people noticed the change
 - When this man went into the temple to be declared clean
 - When he returned to normal society
 - When he could interact with his friends and family again
 - The change was evident immediately
 - The story got out, people heard about it, and people took notice of Jesus
- Here’s my question for us reading the story today, and especially today
 - How does this fit with the call today to let others know about Jesus?
 - And how does this passage fit with profession of faith?
 - On a day when we witness someone publicly acknowledging Jesus and committing to follow Him
 - Our Scripture sees Jesus tell a man to not share about what He has done
 - It’s important to remember that this isn’t a universal command

- There are other times where Jesus wants the good news shouted from the rooftops
 - If these disciples kept silent the stones themselves would cry out the good news
- Today is one of those days to tell others what Jesus has done and is doing in your life
 - To bear witness publicly to the good news as it happens in your life
- But there will also be days where the witness we share is communicated just as loudly and powerfully without words
- When everyone around us sees that something is different
- That we've been changed
- And as they take note, they'll find that the good news is available for them too

Song: #575- Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

VERSE 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

VERSE 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

VERSE 3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

Leaning, leaning,
 Safe and secure from all alarms;
 Leaning, leaning,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Benediction

Postlude