

## July 5- Written Service

**Praise team-** Julie and Charlie Shanafelt, Deb and Vern Van Peurseem, Merlin Thompson

**Special Music-** Julie Shanafelt-soloist; Charlie Shanafelt- guitar

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Leader: "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

All: We come before You acknowledging that no one is truly good but God alone.

Leader: Jesus asks us to lay down the things we hold onto and follow Him.

All: Let us worship God together with open hands and trusting hearts!

### Song: Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful;

Where the streams of abundance flow,

Blessed be Your name;

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place,

When I walk thro' the wilderness,

Blessed be Your name;

Every blessing You pour out

I'll turn back to praise;

When the darkness closes in, Lord,

Still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your name;

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me;

When the world's all as it should be,

Blessed be Your name;

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering;  
Tho' there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name;

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name;  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.

### **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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### **Announcements**

**Special Music- A Rich Young Man sung by Julie Shanafelt  
Guitar- Charlie Shanafelt**

### **Congregational Prayer**

**Song: #592- Jesus Calls Us (vs. 1,3,4)**

#### VERSE 1

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

#### VERSE 2

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store:  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

#### VERSE 3

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil, and hours of ease,  
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

#### VERSE 4

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,

Savior, make us hear Thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

### **Offering/Offertory**

**Offering song- Glorify Thy Name**

**Offering prayer**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Scripture: Luke 18:18-30**

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>19</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

<sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>21</sup> "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.

<sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

<sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

<sup>29</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God

<sup>30</sup> will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

**Message:**

Intro

Scripture-Luke 18:18-30

This man (a ruler, wealthy) wants to inherit eternal life

Interesting word he chose "inherit"

Presumably, his wealth and power came from his family

Just like now, great wealth is almost always inherited and sometime built upon

So this man asks Jesus what he has to do so that he can inherit eternal life

The one thing he has no guarantees about

And Jesus lists off the commandments the man should follow

Seems like an odd response for Jesus, doesn't it

Nothing about faith or grace

Just "you know the laws, keep those"

But Jesus knows that we aren't able to do that.

There's something else interesting in Jesus' response

The OT contains a bunch of different laws from God

But we know the laws Moses brought down from the mountain carved in stone  
are special right

How many of those were there?

*10 (turn white board around showing all 10)*

Jesus didn't list 10, let's go back to the passage

Which ones did He mention?

*Cross those off*

The man kept all of these, for the sake of argument let's just  
give him that

Which did Jesus not ask about?

Interestingly, Jesus didn't ask about the first 4 or the last

Everything that focuses on our relationship with God

And coveting

Maybe this is what addresses this young man's primary sin

Not putting God first and coveting

Giving up his stuff was more about breaking him free from slavery to things and focusing  
his attentions on God

We have a problem with understanding this passage because we (just like the disciples did) only focus on  
the money

And I don't feel like I'm overly wealthy

That way this doesn't sting so much

Because Jesus is pushing him on something that I don't see as a problem for me

Which raises some questions for me:

Which sins do we focus on/emphasize because we don't struggle with them?

I can come down really hard on things I think have little connection to my own  
life

Tax evasion or murder or slavery

Or said another way, what sins do we overlook because we struggle with them

At the same time, I can be pretty quick to minimize or justify some other things  
that seem more common to me or more prevalent in our society

Fear, greed, pride, selfishness

My point is that Jesus may not have asked each of us the same question He asked the man in  
today's passage

This man was asked a personal question for himself

What Jesus was getting at is the man's relationship with God

Money may not be the largest barrier I have to my faith (although it could be)

Maybe Jesus highlights our self-reliance and wants us to trust God more than  
doing it our way

Maybe God wants us to have more loving and compassionate relationships with  
people we ignore or look down on

Maybe we are being called to forgive others

Maybe we are being challenged to work on lust or dishonesty

We can get pretty smug about this man's refusal to follow Jesus when confronted with his own  
major sins

And we can do the same when other people struggle with sins we ourselves don't struggle with

But Jesus has questions for us too

Not to shame us

He looked at this man and love him

But because He wants us to get rid of any obstacles we have

So that we can get even closer to God

So that we can find, or inherit, eternal and abundant life

**Song: #676- O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs. 1,2,4)**

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend:

I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me,  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear:

My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory,  
There shall Thy servant be;

And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**