Sermon: "That They May Carry Out YHWH's Vengeance".....Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Numbers 10:29-32; 31:1-20

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord's Table......Rev. Giffone **Offering:** With a Heart of Thanksgiving......arr. Helvey

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell, come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.

*Offertory Hymn: Doxology...... OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Communion Opening Prayer

Distribution of the Bread: The body of Christ, broken for you.

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person: "The body of Christ, broken for you."

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church. **Distribution of the Cup:** The blood of Christ, shed for you.

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person: "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

> Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion Rev. Giffone

*Hvmn No. 358: For All the Saints...... Sine Nomine (Verses 5 and 6 only)

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the

Note: At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.

Postlude: Rejoice! The Lord is King! arr. Shackley

* Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so.

After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

If you have any special needs in your life and you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor Benj or to one of our Ruling Elders—Robert LeSuer, James Stahl, or Amy Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Minister of Music and Worship: Thomas Brooks

To contact the church, please send an email to the following address: info@rpcerie.org

To contact Pastor Benj, please send him an email at: pastor@rpcerie.org Or, please call or text him at: 724-221-2595

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Sunday Morning Worship Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

Worship Theme: "The Bible's stories of harsh violence against non-Israelite peoples are both an ancient reality and a picture of YHWH's anger toward rebellion, violence, and idolatry. Nevertheless, people from outside Israel who trust Israel's God are blessed, culminating in the blessings won at the cross for all who trust in Jesus."

We welcome children of all ages in our Worship Service. At the Information Center in the rear of the Sanctuary, we offer children a "Book Bucket" with books and activities for their use. Parents, please do not be concerned if your young child cries. We believe that the cries of young children signal that the church is alive, well, and destined to continue for generations to come.

Welcome, Announcements, and **Introduction to Worship**......Thomas Brooks

Prelude: Faith of Our Fathers......arr. Berry

Faith of our fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear God's glorious Word: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free: And blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

(...continued over...) - 5 --6Liturgist: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Congregation: God's ways are just and merciful. Those who follow God's ways are Liturgist continually nourished in faith. **Congregation:** In all that they do, they prosper. Come, let us open our hearts to God's Liturgist compassionate Love. Congregation: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. Amen. Note: The Congregation should please remain seated. Pastor Benj and Corrie Giffone Note: The Congregation should please stand, if able to do so. *Hvmn No. 358: For All the Saints...... Sine Nomine (Verses 2 and 3 only) Note: The Congregation may please be seated and remain seated for the reading of the Scripture. Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:8-14...... Marykay Stahl Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are present in the Worship Service. A Moment for ChildrenShirley Wilson Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the following Hymn.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you,
Come, sweet Spirit, we pray;
Come in your strength and your power,
come in your own gentle way.

Come as a rest to the weary,
come as a balm for the sore,
Come as a dew to my dryness;
fill me with joy evermore.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you, Come, sweet Spirit, we pray; Come in your strength and your power, come in your own gentle way.

Prayers of Confession..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession. Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

Almighty and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And, we have done those things which we ought not to have done. There is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Please spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Please restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father—for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ—that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

—Based upon The Book of Common Worship, Second Order, by Dr. T. David Gordon)

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)...... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall

back into fear, but you have received a spirit

of adoption.

Congregation: When we cry, "Abba! Father!" It is that

very spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

—Romans 8:15-17

Thanks be to God!

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Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn, if able to do so.

*Response Hymn: Gloria Patri......GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end, Amen, Amen!

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

*Apostles' Creed Thomas Brooks

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

*Passing of the Peace......Thomas Brooks

Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of greeting: "May the peace of Christ be with you."

And the answer of response: "And, also with you."

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)......Rev. Giffone

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

*Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-30Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

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Christian Education - Fall 2024, Part II

October 27th through November 24th

Facilitators: Zack Harvey and Pastor Benj Giffone

Join us for a study of Robert D. Lupton's book, *Compassion, Justice* and the Christian Life: Rethinking Ministry to the Poor (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007).

To order this book, scan this QR Code or point your web browser to the

This study explores principles and practical examples of church engagement in urban settings, not only through gospel proclamation and financial giving, but also through community development in pursuit of justice and dignity.

Through reading and discussion, we will think through different ways to engage in the mission of God more thoughtfully, biblically, and impactfully.

Monthly Prayer Focus for November

At the September Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, missionary Patricia Premick made a presentation about her work in Taiwan and her move to Thailand. Pat was previously the subject of the Redeemer Monthly Prayer Focus for September, 2023. Her circumstances have changed in Taiwan, and she is moving the location of her ministry to Thailand.

Pat hails from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies' North Park Church in Wexford, PA. She is associated with the EPC World Outreach and Mesa Global. Her goal is to minister to the Thai people she encounters and to the large number of Taiwanese who are emigrating to Thailand.

She asks for our prayers and notes the following requests:

- A positive transition into the Thai culture and into her new country of ministry
- Her ability and perseverance, in order to learn the Thai language
- Her seeking God for direction and for what her ministry will look like
- That her home and table will be a place of respite and peace for all who enter
- That she may be able to build a community with her Mesa Global team and others

Outline of the Book of Numbers by Chapters

At Sinai: Preparations for Travel (Numbers 1 - 10)

- 1 2 Census of the exodus generation (Year 2)
- 3 4 Levites: census, redemption, responsibilities
- 5 6 Laws linked by priestly supervision Uncleanness; Restitution; Test for adultery; Nazir vow; Aaron's blessing
- 7 Offerings after the Tabernacle is set up
- 8 Consecration of the Levites
- 9:1-14 Passover and exceptions
- 9:15 10:36 Pattern of making and breaking camp

The Wilderness (Numbers 11 - 21)

- 11 Two complaint narratives; elders appointed; quail
- 12 Miriam and Aaron grumble against Moses
- 13 14 Spying from Kadesh Barnea
- 15 19 Thirty-eight years in the wilderness
 - o 15 Offerings in the land; unintentional and intentional sin
 - o 16 Korah's rebellion
 - o 17 Aaron's staff
 - o 18 Priestly and Levitical duties, tithes, portions
 - o 19 Red heifer ritual for corpse contamination
- 20 Moses's sin; Edom's hostility; Aaron's death (Year 40, per Numbers 33:38)
- 21 Grumbling; battles; poems

Threat from Moab (Numbers 22 - 25)

- 22 Balak (Moab) hires Balaam (seer from the East)
- 23 24 Balaam's four oracles
- 25 Idolatry with the women of Moab/Midian

Preparation to Enter the Land (Numbers 26 - 36)

- 26 Census of the conquest generation
- 27 Zelophehad's daughters; Joshua designated as Moses' successor
- 28 29 Calendar of feasts and regular sacrifices
- 30 Vows made by women
- 31 Vengeance on Midian
- 32 Two-and-a-half tribes receive Transjordan inheritance
- 33 Travelogue
- 34 Apportionments of the land; new tribal leaders
- 35 Apportionments for the Levites; cities of refuge
- 36 More on Zelophehad's daughters