

GOSPEL^{OF} JOHN

The gospel of John is filled with tension. Because it is so familiar we might miss that. We might miss it right at the beginning where we read "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) The darkness did not win. We know that through the resurrection. But we should also know that life is still a fight, the tension is not over. This is the verdict, the light shines in the darkness but the people loved darkness. (John 3:19)

In our passage for today, John 7:1-44, the tension is there. Don't miss it. Don't miss that Jesus comes and there is division, there is a failure to see him as he is. There is a failure to come into the light. And yet, Jesus invites anyone, whoever, everybody.

What happens when people come? What does Jesus do? What is the result? Come and see...

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Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today for worship and would love to keep in touch.

We have a nursery for infants and toddlers. After the Passing of the Peace, Pre-K through 2nd Grade continue to worship upstairs.

After the service, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Kindness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday:

Goodness Group. Contact Karen Rominger 828-963-7732.

Next week is "Souper Bowl" Sunday

and we celebrate by donating canned food to Feeding Avery Families! Food donations can be left in the foyer, or you can donate by check with FAF in the memo line. Thank you!

A note from Tee - Praying for the

Congregation: As your pastor, I am going to set aside a block of time on the first Tuesday of the month to pray for our congregation. I want to pray about our life together and I want to pray for you, about your life, your struggles and your hopes. Would you be willing to let me know how I can pray for you? Send me an email, write me a note, put it in a text message. Let me know and I will be praying.

Prayer of preparation

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

Personal thoughts and prayer reminders

* Congregation Stands

Service for the Lord’s Day — January 28, 2018

Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.
All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Leader: Come now, all who thirst,
All: and drink the water of life.
Leader: Come now, all who hunger,
All: and be filled with good things.

* Opening Hymn #11 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Praise #548 As the Deer

* Call to Confession

When we see God’s beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness.
God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies.
People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful
God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

* Confession

Leader: Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,
All: yet too often we practice pride.
Leader: You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,
All: yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.
Leader: You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out
All: yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.
Leader: You freely forgave and healed,
All: yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.
Leader: You lived a perfectly holy life,
All: yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.
Leader: You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,
All: yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.

Leader: You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,
All: yet too often we deny you.
Leader: You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
All: yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.
Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God draws you into the light, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a new life.

* The Gloria Patri and Passing the Peace

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People

Scripture and Sermon

Week 9 John 7:1-44
Thirsty/Full/Overflowing

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offering and Offertory

Ordination and Installation of Elders

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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 rose 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.

* Hymn of Dedication

#400 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

* Benediction