

Ancaster Christian Reformed Church
Pastor John Veenstra
Sunday, September 13, 2020
online at www.ancastercrc.org

Worship Team: Lori H, piano
Linda G, voice
Jenn B, voice
Ed H, voice
Jason T, trumpet and voice

Serving Elder: Mike W

Prelude: piano

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:



As early followers of Jesus gathered for fellowship and worship, praying and singing and reading the scriptures, so we gather this morning.

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with You!

People: And with you also!

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

We read in Acts that the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul. One heart. One soul.

They shared everything—everything they owned, everything they had.

God's grace was at work in them, powerfully at work within them all. May it be so for us as well, As we hear God speak to us:*

God Greets Us

Pastor John;

Response: Amen!

We greet one another.

Song: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” LUYH 599

Verse 1

Come, Christians, join to sing,
alleluia, amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
alleluia, amen!
Let all with heart and voice
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
alleluia, amen!

Verse 2

Come, lift your hearts on high;
alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
alleluia, amen!

Christ is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end;
alleluia, amen!

Verse 3

Praise yet our Christ again;
alleluia, amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
alleluia, amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
alleluia, amen!*

Children's Message:

Children's Song: "Jesus" <https://youtu.be/cEbQswNB6Wc>

Activity Sheet

Children's Story links: God's Story: Peter Preaches <https://youtu.be/hKa9jqvJ378>

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Acts 4: 32-35)

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name.

May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name.

Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are Your people.*

Words of Assurance

When we walk in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another.

When we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world.

Amen.*

Offering: 1. Ministry at Ancaster Christian Reformed Church
2. The Bridge Church - Our second offering this week is for the Bridge Church in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, a CRC church plant that Ancaster CRC is supporting as part of our commitment to domestic missions.

Prayer of the People, Mike W, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.*

Song: As the Deer

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.

Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my brother
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Chorus

Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

Chorus*

Sermon: Acts: The Partnership

Scripture: Acts 3: 1 - 23; Acts 4: 23 - 31

Acts 3: 1- 23 Peter Heals a Lame Beggar

3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. **2** Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. **9** When all the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Peter Speaks to the Onlookers

11 While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. **12** When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? **13** The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. **14** You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. **15** You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. **16** By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

17 “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. **18** But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. **19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, **20** and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. **21** Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. **22** For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. **23** Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.

Acts 4: The Believers Pray

23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. **25** You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed one.

27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. **28** They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. **29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. **30** Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

Song: I Love to tell the Story - LUYH 262

Verse 1

I love to tell the story of
unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Chorus

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Verse 2

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,

for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

Chorus

Verse 3

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

Chorus

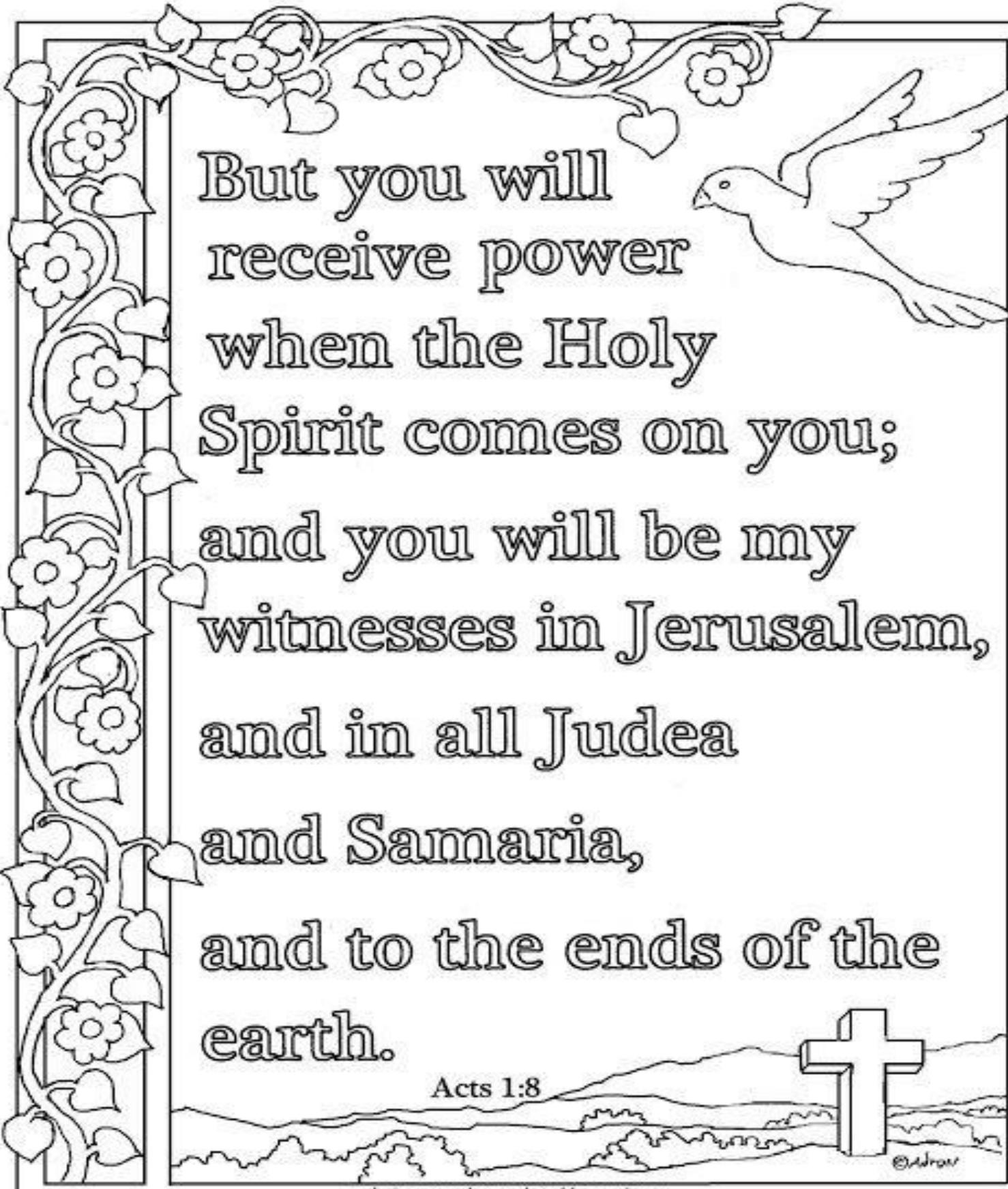
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'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
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Blessing

Postlude: piano and trumpet

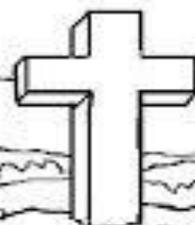
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3. God's Story: Peter Preaches <https://youtu.be/hKa9jqvJ378>
4. As the Deer <https://youtu.be/-gaT4q9eJ1U>
5. I Love to Tell the Story <https://youtu.be/Gsbu1uJiZm4>
6. Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow <https://youtu.be/yqBnzM1JBWM>



But you will
receive power
when the Holy
Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea
and Samaria,
and to the ends of the
earth.

Acts 1:8



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