

A landscape of sand dunes at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. In the distance, a simple wooden cross stands on the peak of a dune. The foreground shows the undulating ridges of the sand dunes with some sparse, dry vegetation.

# JESUS

*The name  
above every  
name.*

Philippians 2:9

Grace Lutheran Church  
Yorba Linda, California

October 11, 2020  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



## Rejoice – With the Mind of Christ

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and power inspiring  
All I do or say.

*Christian Worship 467:1*

A sermon series for October:  
Rejoice in Philippians.

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## ***SERVICE OF THE WORD***

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**M.** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C. Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M.** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C. Amen..**

**M:** In the peace and joy of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**Your Word, O Lord, is eternal. It stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever.**

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

**Matthew 21:28-32**

*Our Savior's parable teaches that the first will be last and the last will be first.*

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

<sup>29</sup> "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

<sup>30</sup> "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

<sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.





## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Included as part of prayer**

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 30

**M:** At the works of your hands, O Lord,  
I lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

- A. Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;\*
- B. praise his holy name.

- A. For his anger lasts only a moment,\*
- B. but his favor lasts a lifetime;

- A. weeping may remain for a night,\*
- B. but rejoicing comes in the morning.

- A. To you, O LORD, I called;\*
- B. to the Lord I cried for mercy.

- A. Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;\*
- B. O LORD, be my help.

- A. You turned my wailing into dancing,\*
- B. that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



## HYMN OF THE DAY

May the Mind of Christ (#467)



“is more than  
mind can know”

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow’r inspiring All I do or say.**
- 2 May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow’r.**
- 3 May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in ev’rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.**
- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting, self abasing—This is victory!**
- 5 May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.**
- 6 May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.**

Text: Timothy Dudley  
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## SERMON LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11



Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

- <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
- <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.
- <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER**

**M: We confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**C: to the glory of God the Father.**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For**

**thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

### **The Love of Christ (#749)**

- 1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is more than mind can know,  
His mercy measureless and free To meet the debt I owe.  
He came my sinful cause to plead, He laid his glories by,  
For me a homeless life to lead, A shameful death to die.**
- 2 My sins I only see in part, My self-regarding ways;  
The secret places of my heart Lie bare before his gaze.  
For me the price of sin he paid; My sins beyond recall  
Are all alike on Jesus laid, he died to bear them all.**
- 3 O living Lord of life, for whom The heavens held their breath,  
To see, triumphant from the tomb, A love that conquers death,  
Possess my heart that it may be Your kingdom without end,  
O Christ who died for love of me And lives to be my friend.**

### **CALENDAR**

*Today – Women of Grace meeting after church*

*Thursday - Bible Study online – 10 AM or 7 PM*

*GOD'S OTHER KINGDOM (Civil Government)*

*Sunday worship – online (at your convenience) or in-person at 9:30 AM.*