

Genting Around the WORD Cell To Worship (Based on Psalm 104)

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;
And so your renew the face of the earth
through your spirit.

We will sing to the Lord for as long as we live;

We will sing to the Lord for as long as we live; We will praise you O God for as long as we live. Praise be to God.

Gathering Hymn #35 "Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty"

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Gathering Hymn #35 "Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty"

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Gathering Hymn #35 "Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty"

Praise we the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Gathering Around the WORD

Call to Confession

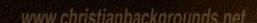
Friends, through the spirit of Baptism, God has called us and we have come into God's presence. We have come with many baggage and shame knowing that we have erred and have fallen short of your glory and expectation. We need God's grace and mercy to forgive. Friends, God is willing to forgive us and give us a new life in Christ, whenever we come with a contrite spirit.



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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, who comes to us in breath, visits us from the throne of heaven, and sets us aflame with amazement, joy and new life, open our paths to new visions and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom. Grant us faith to trust in your presence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Gathering Around the WORD Declaration of Forgiveness

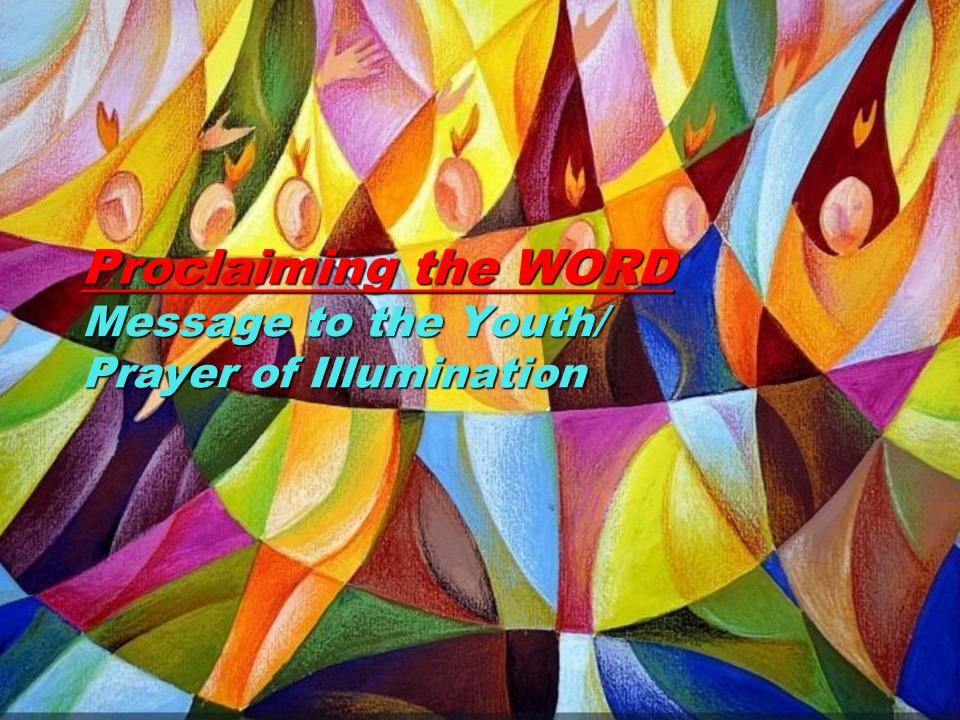
Our God is a merciful and gracious God, who is willing to extend His loving hand and embrace us, in spite of what we have done. Even though we have done wrongs in our past, God is willing to give us a second chance. Through the spirit of Baptism, we have been given a new identity in Christ. We have been called God's beloved sons and daughters.

Thanks be to God, Amen.



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.





Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (Mark 1:4-11) John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Mark 1:4-11)

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



Responding Hymn # 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power; give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

Responding Hymn # 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears; for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way; still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Responding Hymn # 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame. Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery! We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

 We welcome the Scodes and the Kniesi families as they join us in worship this morning. May God's blessings continue to pour out upon Antonio, Kristina and Anthony. Welcome to the Homecrest family!
 Please join us for a small reception downstairs in the basement immediately after our worship service.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- The Women's Group will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm. They are currently studying the book of Esther. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship. For more information, please see Margaret Lesman or are Chin.
- There will be a FREE P/SAT Preparation Courses for Junior High and High School students on Wednesday-Friday, 5/25-27 from 4-7pm over at the Manse. Please see flyer for more information.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

 Pastor Samson will be away on Study Leave and Vacation 5/16-30. Certified Ruling Elder David Michel and Rev. Jane Donnelly will be our guest speakers on 5/22 and 5/29, respectively.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Halloweth be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever.

Amen.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Offering of our Gifts and our Lives

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Sending Hymn #643 "Now Thanks We All Our God" Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Benediction Response #547 "Go, My Children with My Blessing" (Stanza 3) Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

