

Prelude: Music by Palestrina

Lighting the Candles

Light the world with mercy. Shine the Light of Grace greater than all our sin. Shine the Light of Love and celebrate Life.

Special Music: My Song in the Night

Welcome

Who are you carrying this morning? Who is on your mind? Who is tugging at your heart? Notice how often we deny ourselves to care for others. To whom shall we carry them? What is the cost of carrying them to Jesus?

Prayer

Lord, you give us life. You give us a heart that experiences Life through emotions. You give us a mind that experiences Life through reason, logic, and judgment. You give us a body that experiences joy and sorrow, blessing and curse, fear and peace.

Come, Holy Spirit and free us to give as God gives. Free us to give God our Life. Free us to give God our emotions, judgments, blessings, and curses.

Thank you Christ Jesus for giving us Mercy that frees us from Sin to live in Grace, and experience Life as Love.

The Lord's Prayer

Reading the Word: Matthew 9: 1 - 8

Jesus stepped into the boat, crossed over and came to his own town.

² Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This

fellow is blaspheming!"

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ⁶ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." ⁷ Then the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

Special Music: Meditative Music by Wagner

There are three kinds of paralysis. Which are you suffering? A paralyzed body. A paralyzed heart-mind. A paralyzed spirit. Listen to music. Listen to your body, heart-mind, and spirit.

The Message

Legalism— The way to heal sin is to know the Law of Moses, keep it, and when the smallest violation occurs we make costly sacrifices. In other words, Legalism makes people pay for their sinfulness.

Moralism— The way to heal sin is to submit to practices that makes our neighbors think we are right, good, perfect, and to be commended. In other words, Moralism makes us pretend we are perfect.

Respect— The way to heal sin is to deny self the way of Legalism and Moralism to place our trust in Jesus' mercy, grace, and love.

Gloria Patri

**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**

Tithes and Offerings

Giving Money and physical energy maintains our building and staff a place in the world.

Denying self to listen to hear our neighbors with compassion and empathy maintains the Church as a Body of People.

Taking up our crosses to forgive our neighbors as Jesus forgives us maintains the Gospel as the way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

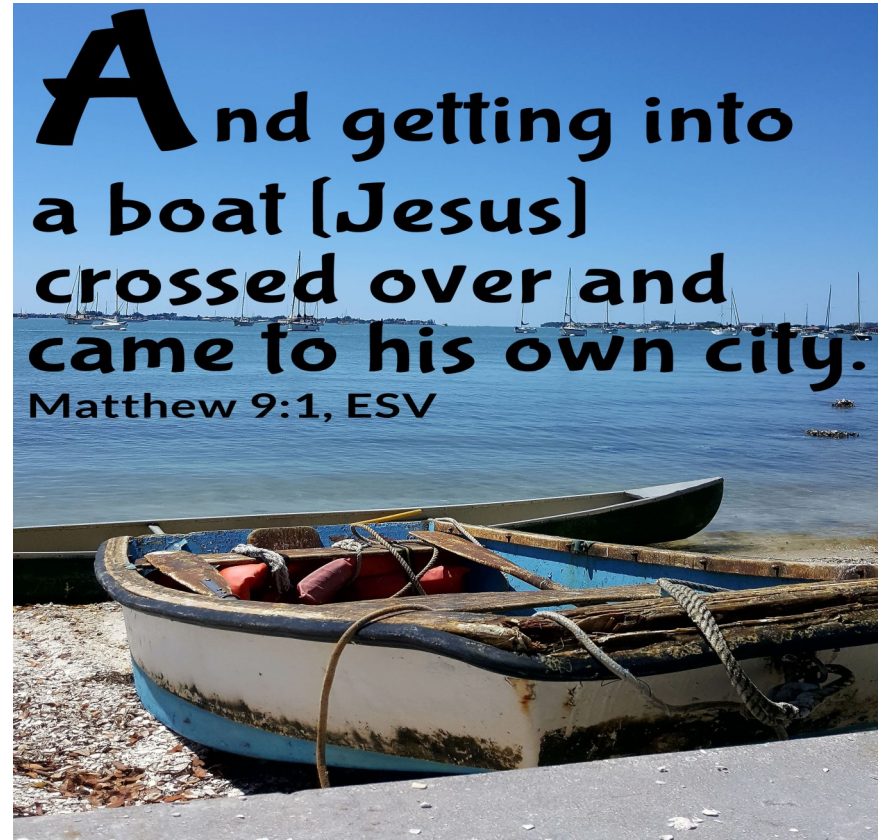
Special Music: Thank You (Solo by Dennis Ashley)

Postlude

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