

## "FREEDOM! from the Law"

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North Shore Fellowship

*Welcome to North Shore Fellowship on this second Sunday of Lent! Lent is a season in which we prepare for Easter. In the season of Lent, we celebrate our freedom and are invited to put aside our actions, attitudes, sin, and lifestyles that keep us from believing the gospel. Through Jesus Christ, we have been invited to look at our sin yet freely enjoy God's love together.*

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS

**"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"**

Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity.  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside.  
Bid my will to thine submit, lay me humbly at thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled,  
seeing only in thy light, walking only in thy might.

Leaning on thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest,  
feeling well the peace of God, flowing from his precious blood.

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give.  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

## REMINDER OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## INVOCATION

## WE ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP THE LORD

**All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;**

Leader: his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

**Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."**

Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."

**In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.**

**"Come People of the Risen King"**

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Chorus: Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

## OUR LORD COMMUNES WITH US

Leader: We have confessed before God and each other that we are a needy people. We have confessed that we have failed, and forgotten God. And yet we have heard that God has remembered us! Christ our Lord has invited to His table all who believe! Let us give thanks together that God has remembered us, and yet has forgotten our sins!

**All: Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever. . .because my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink."**

***"O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile"***

***"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"***

***"Nothing but the Blood"***

## BENEDICTION

*Next week's scripture: Galatians 3:26-4:7  
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Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *(chorus)*

Come, young and old from every land - men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *(chorus)*

### **"Our Great God"**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne,  
their voices raised both day and night in praise to you alone.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God.  
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God. *(chorus)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
let all the mountains, all the fields and valleys of the earth,  
let all the moons and all the stars throughout the universe  
sing praises to the Living God who rules them by his word. *(chorus)*

**WE ARE SINNERS IN NEED OF CHRIST, THE SAVIOR**

Leader: What does God require of man?

**All: God requires man to obey his revealed will.**

Leader: Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

**All: Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them everyday in thought, word, and action.**

Leader: What does every sin deserve?

**All: Every sin deserves God's anger and curse, both in this life and in the life to come; and cannot be expiated but by the blood of Christ.**

### **"Tender Mercy"**

**WE ARE FREELY INVITED TO CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

*(silent confession)*

**All: Faithful Father, we confess that we are sinners and have fallen short of the glory of God. Though we try to climb out of our lost condition through our own effort, we cannot in any way gain God's favor by our works. We need Jesus. Thank you for telling us so clearly in your Word that we cannot attain righteousness through the law. Thank you for saving us by your promise through faith in Jesus Christ.**

**BY GOD'S GRACE WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH ALONE** Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

### **"A New Law"**

**SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 3:13-25

<sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."<sup>14</sup>He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

<sup>15</sup>Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case.<sup>16</sup>The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.<sup>17</sup>What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.<sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

<sup>19</sup>What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.<sup>20</sup>A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.<sup>22</sup>But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.<sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.<sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.