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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Laws of Love: The Commandments for Today

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trust and Obey

by Sammis

A LITANY FOR THE TEN COMMANDMENTS¹

L: This is what God told his people: "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. "You must not have any other god but me." "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected— even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands."

P: We are your people, God. And by your spirit we will love you alone with all our hearts, minds, and strength.

L: "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name."

P: Hallowed be Your name, Lord.

L: "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.

P: By your grace, may we enter into true Sabbath rest.

L: “Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you. “You must not murder. “You must not commit adultery. “You must not steal.”

P: If we live by our flesh, we will die. But if we live by the Spirit, we will have life and peace.

L: “You must not testify falsely against your neighbor. “You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

P: Teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to love your law not simply as a list of rules, but as a picture of life lived in harmony with You and with one another: life as it was meant to be lived. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 519** (BH, see p. 4)

Standing in the Need of Prayer

***TIME OF CONFESSION** (inspired by Exodus 20: 1-17)

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION²

L: God of all Good Gifts, you call us to be generous people; but instead, we covet what others have.

P: Forgive our selfish ways, and teach us to give.

L: God of Perfection, you call us to be honest in all we say and do; but instead, we tell lies that hurt our neighbors.

P: Forgive our deceitful ways, and teach us to speak the truth in love..

L: God of Benevolence, you call us to provide for those in need; but instead, we swindle and steal.

P: Forgive our double-dealing ways, and teach us to share.

L: God of the Covenant, you call us to be faithful in our relationships with others; but instead, we are disloyal.

P: Forgive our adulterous ways, and teach us to honor our commitments.

L: God of Creation, you call us to value the lives of others; but instead, we work to destroy those who are different and annihilate those with whom we disagree.

P: Forgive our murderous ways, and teach us to seek reconciliation and peace.

L: God of our Ancestors, you call us to respect those who have gone before us; but instead, we dismiss the wisdom of our elders.

P: Forgive our impertinent ways, and teach us to be humble.

L: God of Time and Space, you call us to recognize creation’s dependence on you; but instead, we work without pausing to reflect or give thanks.

P: Forgive our ungrateful ways, and teach us to both receive and provide times of holy rest.

L: God of the Sacred Name, you call us to hold your name in reverence; but instead, we vainly attach your name to every personal, political, and religious agenda we promote.

P: Forgive our arrogant ways, and teach us to submit to your authority.

L: God of Limitless Possibilities, you call us to celebrate your Unbounded Spirit; but instead, we try to define who you are and make you to be something we can manage.

P: Forgive our small-mindedness and idol-making ways, and teach us to imagine.

L: God of Deliverance and Might, you call us to devote ourselves to you; but instead, we abandon you for lesser gods.

P: Forgive our wandering ways, and teach us to love and follow you alone.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2036 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Give Thanks

ALL SING: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Down in the Valley to Pray* by Althouse

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

HYMN NO. 553 (BH, see p. 6)

There is a Balm in Gilead

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4: 17-32

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 476 (BH, see p. 7)

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sing the Lord

by Smith

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¹ Adapted from Exodus 20:1-17 (NLT) by Mike Cospser. Posted on The Open Sourcebook. Accessed on Re:Worship at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/ten-commandments-litany.html>, on September 13, 2021

² Litany of Confession inspired by Exodus 20:1-17. It was written by Amy Loving, and posted on the *Worship Closet*. Accessed at Re:Worship, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/03/litany-of-confession-exodus-20-1-17.html> on 9/13/2021.

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Standing in the Need of Prayer

Piano 

1. Not my broth-er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,
2. Not the preach-er, nor the dea - con but it's me, O God,
3. Not my fa - ther, nor my moth-er, but it's me, O God,
4. Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's me, O God,

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me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's
me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.
me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.
me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

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me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer; It's me, it's

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me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Give Thanks

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of several phrases of music, each with corresponding lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Give thanks with a great - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks because he's giv-en Je - sus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!'. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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There is a Balm in Gilead

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in a 4/4 time signature with a tempo of quarter note = 80. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: 'There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole, there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin - sick soul. 1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and 2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for 3. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you think my work's in vain, But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - Je - sus is your friend, who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Je - sus, who - lives my soul a - gain. nev - er fail to lend. died to save us all.'

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died to save us all.

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)

♩ = 80



1. My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-
 2. What though my joys and com-forts die? My Sav-ior still is
 3. When ty-rants trem-ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
 4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a-



-ta-tion, I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that
 liv-ing. What though the shad-ows gath-er 'round? A
 ring-ing; When friends re-joice both far and near, how
 -bove it; And day by day this path-way smooths, since



hails a new cre-a-tion. Through all the tu-mult
 new song Christ is giv-ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing-ing? In pris-on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes



and the strife, I hear the mu-sic ring-ing; It
 in-most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling-ing; Since
 dun-geon vile our thoughts to them are wing-ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing; All



finds an ech-o in my soul, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 friends by shame are un-de-filed, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's, how can I keep from sing-ing?