

## **Reflection**

*Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship  
would be inconceivable, even impossible.  
There can be no life without the life-giver,  
no understanding without the Spirit of truth,  
no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit,  
no Christlikeness of character apart from his fruit,  
and no effective witness without his power.  
As a body without breath is a corpse,  
so the church without the Spirit is dead.*

*John Stott  
The Message of Acts*

## **Call To Worship**

*We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Our Spoken Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 148:1-5, 7-14 (CSB)*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

#### **Men:**

**Praise him, all his angels:**

**praise him, all his heavenly armies.**

**Praise him, sun and moon;**

**praise him, all you shining stars.**

**Praise him, highest heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded, and they were created.

#### **Women:**

**Praise the Lord from the earth,**

**all sea monsters and ocean depths,**

**lightning and hail, snow and cloud,**

**stormy wind that executes his command, mountains and all hills,**

**fruit trees and all cedars,**

**wild animals and all cattle,**

**creatures that crawl and flying birds,**

**kings of the earth and all peoples,**

**princes and all judges of the earth,**

**young men as well as young women,**

**old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted.  
His majesty covers heaven and earth.

#### **All:**

**Hallelujah!**

**Our Sung Call to Worship  
All Creatures of Our God and King**

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2 (Women Only)

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3 (Men Only)

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 4

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Confession**

*We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.*

**Our Spoken Confession**

*Based on Acts 1-2; Ephesians 4:30; Revelation 2-3; Galatians 5:16* Almighty God,  
who sent the promised Holy Spirit  
to give us second birth,  
to teach and seal us,  
to empower us to be witnesses:

**We confess that we grieve your Spirit,  
refusing to hear what the Spirit  
is saying to the churches,  
failing to trust the Spirit  
to empower us as your witnesses.**

God, have mercy on us.  
Forgive our divisions  
and unify us in your Spirit.

**Cause us to walk by the Spirit  
and not carry out the deeds of the flesh,  
for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*Time of silent confession.*

**Our Sung Confession  
The Old Rugged Cross**

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain. (Chorus)

**Chorus**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

Verse 2

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary. (Chorus)

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
Such a wonderful beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. (Chorus)

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. (Chorus)

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**Assurance and Peace**

*We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

**Remember the Gospel & The Lord's Supper**  
*Reading from the Nicene Creed (325 AD)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth**

**and of all things visible and invisible.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Our Sung Profession of Assurance Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)**

Verse 1

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,  
One day when sin was as black as could be,  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,  
Dwelt among men, my example is He.  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us,  
His glory revealed. (Chorus)

#### **Chorus**

**Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising, He justified freely forever.  
One day He's coming,  
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.**

Verse 2

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.  
The hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me. (Chorus)

Verse 3

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,  
One day the stone rolled away from the door.  
Then He arose over death He had conquered.  
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him,  
The grave could not keep Him From rising again. (Chorus)

#### Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,  
One day the skies with His glories will shine.  
Wonderful day my Beloved One bringing.  
My Savior Jesus is mine. (Chorus)

#### Ending after Chorus

O glorious day, glorious day.  
O glorious day!

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### **Thanksgiving and Petition**

#### **We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God**

*We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.*

#### **We Give Thanks by Giving**

*We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.  
On the first Sunday of each month we have two offerings—one for the general fund and a second one for the benevolence ministry of our church.  
You may give electronically at [gabcame.org/giving/](http://gabcame.org/giving/) or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

### **Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

This the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

Acts 2:1-13 - Together in the Spirit - Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

**Sending**

*Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in spoken word.*

**Blessing**

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord  
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Next week's scripture passage: Acts 2:14-41