



SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Return to Me

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Call to Worship

Song

House of the Lord

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Song

Ephesians 2:4-5

The Gospel Song*

Offertory

Prayers of the People

He Will Hold Me Fast – Rachel Schuck

George Barstar

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Song

Breathe on Me Breath of God – #179 (verses 1 & 2)

New Testament

Matthew 6:25-33 – Ken Garrison

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

God's Gracious Response

Joel 2:18-27

Song

Draw Near Through Christ*

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

Apostle's Creed

Sacrament of Communion

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord – #250 (verses 1 & 4)

Benediction

Postlude

Return to Me
God's Gracious Response
Joel 2:18-27

Question: Why should we return to the LORD?

I. The LORD's Response Announced (vs. 18-19a)

II. The LORD's Response Described (vs. 19b-24)

- A. Refreshment (19b)
- B. Protection (20)
- C. Call to Rejoice (21-24)
 - 1. The Land and the Animals to Rejoice (21-22)
 - 2. The People to Be Glad and Rejoice (23-24)

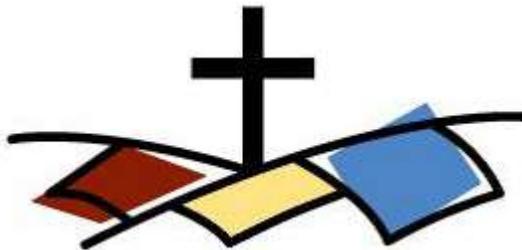
III. The LORD's Restoration Promised (vs. 25-26)

IV. The LORD's Reason Given (vs. 27)

Answer: For He alone will satisfy our deepest longings; He alone can restore the lost years; and He alone is God!

Point to Ponder: Have you wandered from the Lord? What is stopping you from returning to Him? Our God loves you more than you love yourself; He knows you better than you know yourself; and His plan for you is better than your wildest dreams. He alone can satisfy our deepest longings, restore the lost years, and provide us with a reason to be glad and rejoice!

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series entitled *Return to Me* by considering **Joel 2:28-32** 'God's Spirit Poured Out.'



House of the Lord

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

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There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
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We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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Affirmation of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became
Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again

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Breath on Me Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with Thine
To do and to endure
Amen

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Draw Near Through Christ

In Eden's bliss we walked with God
Unhindered by the curse
Yet we rebelled and were expelled
Estranged, alone, perverse
Two mighty cherubs barred the path
To Eden's holy place
No more could men now stained by sin
Behold our Maker's face

Beneath the law we sought the Lord
Through sacrifice and priest
One time each year, one man in fear
Sought God with blood of beast
Still mighty cherubs blocked the way
So sinners could not pass
In curtain sewn on golden throne
They stopped the rebel fast

Then Christ appeared to clear the way
To God for sinful man
Fulfilled the law without a flaw
Our Temple, Priest and Lamb
Astounded cherubs stepped aside
Each hid his flaming sword
With nail and thorn the veil was torn
Draw near through Christ the Lord

In Jesus' name we boldly come
Before the throne of grace
With empty hand in Christ we stand
To seek Almighty's face
Till saints and cherubs join in awe
Around the Savior's throne
With one great voice we will rejoice
All praise to Christ alone!

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the
dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the
Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Grace, grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
All who are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive?

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Grace, grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin

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