



SUNDAY, MAY 29

Return to Me

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

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All Hail the Power of Jesus Name – #53
By Thy Mercy

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Offering

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Song

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Message

In Christ Alone
2 Peter 3:8-13 – Vicky Starr

Rev. Keith Fink

Rend Your Hearts

Joel 2:1-17

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Benediction

Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing – #2

Return to Me
Rend Your Hearts
Joel 2:1-17

Question: How should we respond when we are faced with the sudden and strong realization that God's judgement is coming?

I. Urgency to Acknowledge: The Day of the LORD is Coming (vs. 1-2)

II. It Brings Utter Destruction (vs. 3-5)
~ Eden to desolate wilderness

III. It is Unstoppable (vs. 6-9)
~ I'm coming and I'm not stopping

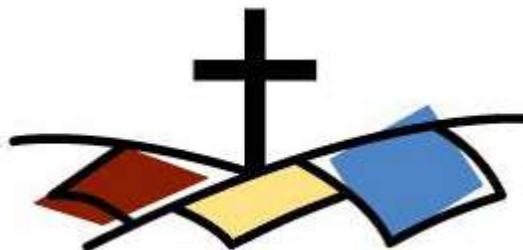
IV. Who can Endure the Great and Awesome Day? (vs. 10-11)
~ expected answer: no one!

V. Call: Rend Your Hearts & Return to the Lord your God (vs. 12-14)

VI. Drop Everything and Let's Get to It (vs. 15-17)

Point to Ponder: The LORD's call is for us to rend our hearts and not our garments. Those words should cause us to examine our confession and repentance of sin. It is easy to speak of our sin in general ways, but if we are going to rend our hearts we must confess the ugly reality of our lives. Let's spend time naming the specifics of our sin to our God who is gracious and merciful.

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series entitled *Return to Me* by considering **Joel 2:18-27** 'God's Gracious Response.'



All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Words by Edward Peronnet, 1779 ;
adapted by John Rippon, 1787
Music by Oliver Holden, 1792

By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory
Bend from heaven Thy gracious ear
While our waiting souls adore Thee
Friend of helpless sinners, hear
From the depth of nature's blindness
From the hardening power of sin
From all malice and unkindness
From the pride that lurks within
By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord
When temptation sorely presses
In the day of Satan's power
In our times of deep distresses
In each dark and trying hour
When the world around is smiling
In the time of wealth and ease
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling
In the day of health and peace
By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord
In the weary hours of sickness
In the times of grief and pain
When we feel our mortal weakness
When all human help is vain
In the solemn hour of dying
In the awful judgment day
May our souls, on Thee relying
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay
By Thy mercy, O deliver us good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord

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Music by Greg Thompson
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Affirmation of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Words: *Doxology* by Thomas Ken, 1709

Music: *Old Hundredth* from Genevan Psalter, 1551

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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and Stuart Townend

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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name – I'm fixed upon it
Name of God redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love hast blest me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Amen

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758
Traditional American Melody from John Wyeth's
Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

