

Friday, 7/21

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Read Acts 8:1-25. How did the gospel go out?

Rejoice for Christ is extending His kingdom throughout all the world even here in Northern New England.

Pray for your neighbors whose hearts are like Simon the sorcerer's heart was.

Pray for their repentance. Pray that God will use you to bring them into His kingdom to the honor and praise of His name.

Sing the song *I Will Glory in My Redeemer.*<sup>4</sup>

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| <p>1. I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.<br/>Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails<br/>And hung Him on that judgment tree.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Who crushed the power of sin and death;<br/>My only Savior before the holy Judge,<br/>The Lamb Who is my righteousness,<br/>The Lamb Who is my righteousness.</p> | <p>2. I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>My life He bought, my love He owns.<br/>I have no longings for another<br/>I'm satisfied in Him alone.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>His faithfulness, my standing place<br/>Though foes are mighty and rush upon me<br/>My feet are firm, held by His grace,<br/>My feet are firm, held by His grace.</p> |
| <p>3. I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Who carries me on eagle's wings.<br/>He crowns my life with lovingkindness<br/>His triumph song I'll ever sing.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer</p>   | <p>Who waits for me at gates of gold<br/>And when He calls me it will be paradise<br/>His face forever to behold,<br/>His face forever to behold.</p>  |

Saturday, 7/22

Read tomorrow's sermon passage **John 17:1-5.**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began."

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Sing the song *Shout to the Lord.*

Pray for God's glory to be more and more manifested in the greater Portland area. Pray that He will use us to extend His grace as we celebrate it together.

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CHRIST the REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# OVERCOMING THE WORLD

Sermon notes from 7/16/06

**John 16:25-33**

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Text

<sup>25</sup> "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. <sup>27</sup> No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

<sup>31</sup> "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. <sup>32</sup> "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone for my Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

## I. Who Is Jesus?

## II. Our Father Hears Us.

## III. The Love of Father and Son

## IV. Peace in Trouble Secured

Message

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction from this sermon:

Application

1. On what basis do I approach God the Father? Why does He hear me? Why not?
2. What relevance does God the Father's love for God the Son have for us?
3. How does Christ's conquest over all the world give His people peace?

# Taking Gathered Worship Home—Family and Individual Devotions

Jesus came from God the Father as our priest and has returned to Him having secured our place with God. His victory over the world is the source of our confidence and hope as we now stand as priests before God for our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family members. It is an utterly impossible task apart from the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit who lives within all followers of Christ.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

**Sunday, 7/16** Read today's passage: **John 16:25-33**. How does Christ's conquest shape your prayers?

**Discuss** your experience with communion. Why did you participate or not? How did that connect with the sermon? With the songs? With the prayers?

**Sing** the song *Shout to the Lord*.<sup>1</sup>

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You, All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.	Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing, Power and majesty praise to the King. Mountains bow down And the seas will roar, At the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. (Repeat all) Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.
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**Pray** for God to convince us that nothing compares to the promise we have in Christ. Ask Him to empower us to extend His grace throughout the world.

**Monday, 7/17** Read **John 8:48-59**. Jesus said, "before Abraham was born, I am!" using the "I am" of God's self-existent name. What do you think of the argument that Jesus never claimed to be God?

**Rejoice** for Christ has overcome the world.

**Pray** for your neighbors, peers, friends & family asking God to save them.

**Extend** His grace to someone you know today. Lovingly and thoughtfully express to them in word and deed the grace Christ has lavished upon you.

**Tuesday, 7/18** Read **John 14:15-27** and consider the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How do we love them?

**Meditate** on this reality—Christ has given us His peace!

**Sing** the song *Shout to the Lord*.

**Pray**, "Father God, thank you for sending Your Son. Thank You for loving us so much and for making us Your own. Jesus, we praise Your name and renew our love for You. Holy Spirit, enable us to keep this pledge and so honor the Father and Son by Your work through us. Teach us to obey all that Christ has commanded us. Give us boldness to speak of Christ to our neighbors, coworkers, and friends."

**Wednesday, 7/19**

Read **John 13:1-5**. How did Christ show His disciples the full extent of His love? How did knowing His Father's plan enable Him to humble Himself in service?

**Meditate** on Jesus' rule over all including what's most troubling you now.

**Rejoice** if you have been adopted by the Father through Christ's sacrifice.

**Pray**, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,"

*Ask God to use you in making His name hallowed (declared holy) among your family and friends.*

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

*Praise God for beginning His kingdom on earth. Ask Him to extend it today.*

"Give us today our daily bread."

*Thank God for all His provision for you. Ask Him for the things you need.*

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

*Ask God to make us so aware of how much He has forgiven us that we would be forgiving also.*

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

*Praise Christ for delivering us from sin and death and ask Him to continue to rescue us daily.*

**Thursday, 7/20**

Read **John 8:12-30**. Who is the witness for Jesus? Why does Jesus say so many times that He is from the Father?

**Sing** *The Blessing or Barocha from Numbers*.<sup>2</sup>

The Lord bless you and keep you The Lord make His face shine upon you And give you peace And give you peace And give you peace, forever	The Lord be gracious to you The Lord turn His face towards you And give you peace And give you peace And give you peace, forever.
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**Rejoice** in Christ's coming and freeing us from sin and death.

**Pray**, "Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to bless us. Help us to be a blessing to others as well. Jesus, we know that You are coming back. Forgive us for the ways we disobey Your commands. Empower us and fill us with Your Spirit that we might boldly proclaim You to all those around us. Holy Spirit, thank You for being with us. Forgive us for not listening to Your prompting and ignoring Your presence. Enable us more and more to live for Christ and to demonstrate the love for Him that You are building in us. Make us long for the new heavens and new earth. Amen."