



Loving Much and Also Well

1st in Series: Paul's Happiest Letter

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Paul and Timothy, both of us committed servants of Christ Jesus, write this letter to all the followers of Jesus in Philippi, pastors and ministers included. We greet you with the grace and peace that comes from God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ.

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

It's not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece. All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God. He knows how much I love and miss you these days. Sometimes I think I feel as strongly about you as Christ does!

So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only ***love much but well***. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:1-11 (The Message)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters:

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Anne Montgomery, in memory of her father, Bill Montgomery
Linda Forrey, in memory of her mother

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes & Welcome

Choral Introit

"Lead Me Lord"

S. Wesley

Call to Worship (Psalm 36:5-10, NIV)

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Leader: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.**

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

**People: Continue your love to those who know you, Lord,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.**

* Opening Hymn #293

"This Is My Father's World"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

**help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*During the Gloria Patri, we invite the K-3rd graders to walk back to the **Prayground** where they can listen to the Scripture and the sermon. We invite the 4th/5th graders to walk back and pick up a Sermon activity sheet and take it back to their seats. If a preschooler would like to join us in the **Prayground**, we ask that a parent accompany them.*

* Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

Scripture

Philippians 1:1-11

Message

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Hymn of Response #359

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Drain

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Offering

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Offertory

"A Lord Built House"

R. Lentz

*Please sign and pass the "**Friendship Pad**" during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Going in God's Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

* Closing Hymn #369 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

* Benediction and Congregational Response

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude

MUSIC: HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, SETH WICKENHEISER, ORGAN SCHOLAR
DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST

A/V: JONATHAN LEFEVER

* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

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