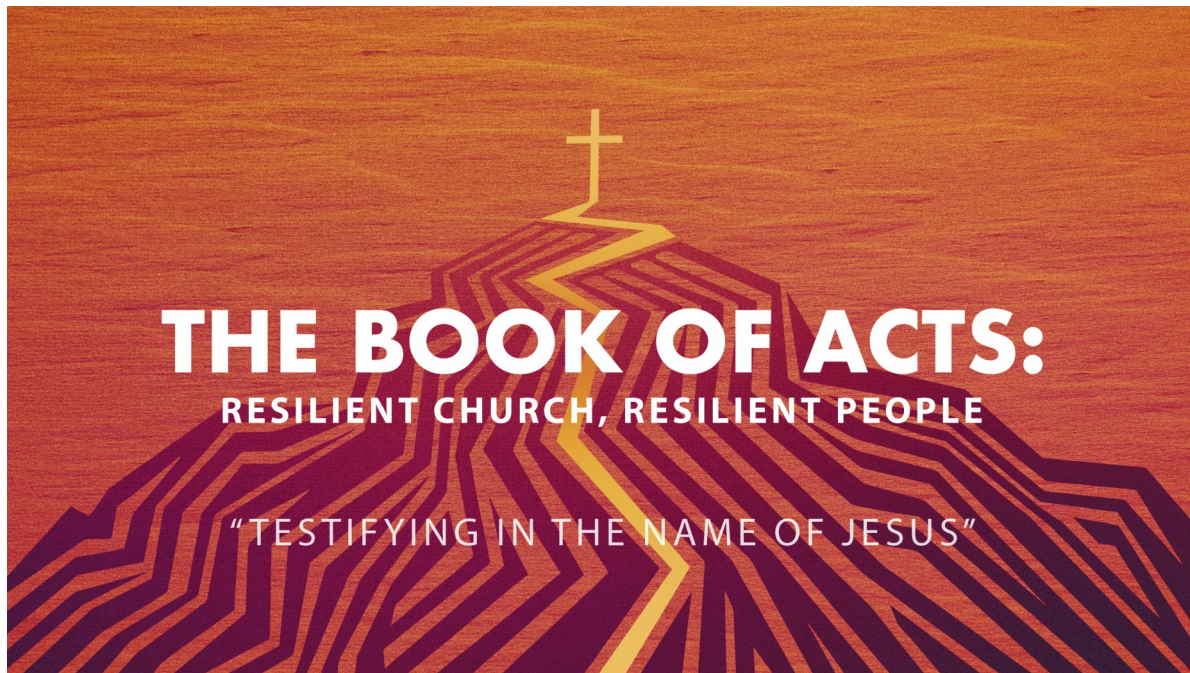




Sunday, September 17, 2023

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone."

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Shelby & Jack Snyder, Marion & David Drain, Donna Kiser, Lois Snyder

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Beverly Campbell, Robert & Johanna Gingher

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Barry and Naomi Bryson, in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary

Sandy and Gary Cross, in memory of their parents

Larry and Anita Ewing, in honor of granddaughter Mackenzie's wedding

Bill and Marge Mann, in honor of their 69th anniversary

Sara Shank and family, in memory of J. Scott Shank

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

Minute for Mission - Peace and Global Witness

* Call to Worship (Psalm 13)

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: We trust in your steadfast love, O God.

People: Our hearts rejoice in your salvation.

Leader: We will sing praises unto you, O Lord.

People: For you have been so good to us.

All: Let us worship God!

* Opening Hymn

"At The Name of Jesus"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Will Massey

Holy God, we are Your people, called by Your Name. We humble ourselves as we pray and seek Your face. Help us to turn from our sinful ways. Hear our cries to heaven and heal us from our sin. Forgive us for our failure to put You first, to rely on Your grace, and to trust in Your providence for our lives. May You hear our prayers of confession offered in this place, so that You are forever glorified, and we can live as a forgiven people. In the power of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 1:19-20)

Will Massey

Leader: Hear the good news: "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Will Massey

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* 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.

*At this time, children through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Anthem

"Let The Song Go Round the Earth"

by Buryl Red

Scripture Readings

Acts 4:5-22

Message

"Testifying in the Name of Jesus"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #466

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

* 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

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GUS BEAULIEU, JOHN HOLTZAPPLE, JERRY ROTHACKER

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Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

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