

## Joining Jesus on His Mission

PART 5 (Oct 11)

*"Simple Practices for Joining Jesus"*

### Pastor Welcome & Announcements

### Sharing the Peace

### Invocation Prayer

### Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord has shown His glory on the holy mountain, shining brighter than the sun!

***People: This is His beloved Son, with whom He is well pleased!***

Pastor: It is good for us to be here, basking in the light of His truth and grace.

***People: Yet the voice from the cloud commands us: "Listen to Him!"***

Pastor: Jesus leads us down from the mountain peak and back into the valleys of everyday life.

***People: He equips us not with heavy burdens, but with simple, daily practices.***

Pastor: He sends us to listen, to notice, and to bless those in our path.

***People: Let us worship the Lord who trains our hands for love and our hearts for service!***

Pastor: Show us how to take up the cross daily to follow You on Your mission.

***People: May You begin with me!***

### Hymn

"Sing Sing Sing" (Chris Tomlin)

### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, it is good for us to gather in worship, but You also call us to go back down into the valley of everyday life.

***People: Equip us with simple practices: to listen to Your Word,***

Pastor: to notice people in our path,

***People: to show kindness to those who hurt us,***

Pastor: and to let our homes, offices, and schools be places where Your grace shines brightly; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***People: Amen.***

### Readings

Old Testament: Exodus 33:12–18

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me

now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup>And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?” <sup>17</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup>Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

#### New Testament: 1 Peter 3:13–16

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

#### Gospel: Matthew 17:1–13

<sup>1</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son,[a] with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” <sup>10</sup>And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. <sup>12</sup>But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” <sup>13</sup>Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

#### **Creed: Apostle’s**

**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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" (Worship Together)

### **Message**

### **Offering**

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" (LSB857)

Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,  
But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servant-hood;  
In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way

Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

### **Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Confession/Absolution**

#### **Words of Institution & Communion**

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Shane & Shane)

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" (LSB691)

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,  
May we ripen and increase,  
Fruit to life eternal growing,  
Rich in love and joy and peace.

Laden branches freely bearing  
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
Here its fruit that grows by sharing,  
Patience, kindness, gentleness.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master,  
Christ our pattern and our goal,  
Teach us, as the years fly faster,  
Goodness, faith, and self control.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,  
May we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending,  
Heaven's love and joy and peace.

“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” (LSB856)

O Christ, who called the Twelve  
To rise and follow You,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways  
For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear Your call  
To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You,  
Find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve  
The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith,  
The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray,  
By Your empow’ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek  
Their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who led the Twelve  
Among the desolate  
And broke as bread of life for all  
Your love compassionate:  
Lead us along the ways  
Where hope has nearly died  
And help us climb the lonely hills  
Where love is crucified.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve  
On roads they’d never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim  
The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith  
Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains  
Both life and ministry.

O Christ, th’apostles’ Lord,  
The martyrs’ strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King  
To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass,  
Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,  
Our lives an offering

### **Prayer of Thanks**

### **Next Steps & Sending**

### **Closing Hymn/Song**

“Because He Lives” (The Worship Initiative)

### **Sending**

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**