

**Memory Verse for June 27, 2010**  
**Romans 8:1-28**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**The Lord's Day**  
**June 20, 2010**  
**Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.**



The prelude signals the congregation to prepare quietly for worship.  
Please disable electronic devices to prevent disruption.  
Assisted listening devices are available from the sound booth attendant.

**Prelude**

*Sonatine* (I)

Maurice Ravel (1875 – 1937)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**†Silent Prayer**

*O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

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*\*Congregation standing †Congregation invited to kneel*

**†Confession of Sin**

Luke 15:11-19

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'"

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Luke 15:20-24

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

**\*Hymn of Faith in Christ***"Wondrous King, All-Glorious"*

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**Tithes and Offerings***Sonatine (II)*

Maurice Ravel

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Father of heav'n whose love profound,  
A ransom for our souls hath found,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend:  
To us thy pard'ning love extend.

Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,  
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend:  
To us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath,  
The soul is raised from sin and death,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend:  
To us thy quick'ning pow'r extend.

Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend:  
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend. Amen.

—Edward Cooper, 1805 (Tune: Rivaulx)

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 15:11-24

**Sermon***"The Running Father"***Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

We invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member or regular attender of this or some other congregation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and encourage you to reflect on these prayers during the time of the Lord's Supper.

**Prayer for those Searching**

*O God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have; the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved; the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to bring deep satisfaction. "Nothing tastes." Could it be, as someone once said, that, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you"? God, if this is true, please reveal yourself to me, and open my heart to you to find that ultimate rest. Help me to believe your Word and your Son's love for me. Amen.*

**Prayer of Belief**

*Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved you or my neighbor with all of my heart, you have shown your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but you offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ's efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that you would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by you and entered into your holy family. And just as you raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that you would give me new a life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in him alone for my salvation. Amen.*

**Supper Hymn**

"What Wondrous Love Is This" #261

**Reading of Scripture**

Ephesians 3:21—4:6

**\*Closing Hymn**

"O God, We Praise Thee" #105

**Benediction**

**†Silent Prayer**

*Thank you, Father, that you for the grace of adoption: by which we enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God. We praise you for access to your throne of grace with boldness, and for the way you protect, pity, provide for, and chasten us by your wise and loving fatherly care. Thank you that we are sealed for the day of redemption, and will inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

—Adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XII, "Adoption"

**Postlude**

Sonatine (III)

Maurice Ravel

**Sermon Notes**

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