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Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

AN OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER FOR WORSHIP IN OUR HOMES

based on 2 Samuel 7 and Proverbs 24

Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your word is trustworthy, and you have promised good things to your servant.

Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight.

For you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;
Through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Let us pray: Bless our homes, that they may be places where your wisdom, understanding, and knowledge are spoken of openly and often, and your name is lifted up in praise. We praise you now, as we join our family of faith in worship from our homes. You are our trusted Lord and our treasure. In your name we pray. Amen.

OPENING SONG

How Great Is Our God



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty; —
2. (And) age to age he stands, and time is in his hands

— let all the earth re - joice, — all the earth re - joice. — He wraps
— be - gin - ing and the end, — be - gin - ing and the end. — The God -

— himself in light, — and dark - ness tries to hide, — and trem - bles at his voice,
— head, three in one, — Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, — the Li - on and the Lamb,

— and trem - bles at His voice. — How great is our God! — Sing with me: How
— the Li - on and the Lamb. —

great is our God! — And all will see how great, how great — is our God! —

1. 2.
2. And Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise.

1.
— My heart will sing: How great — is our God! —

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GOD IS IN THIS PLACE



LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (The Message)

L A reading from Ezekiel.

⁷⁻⁹ "You, son of man, are the watchman. I've made you a watchman for Israel. The minute you hear a message from me, warn them. If I say to the wicked, 'Wicked man, wicked woman, you're on the fast track to death!' and you don't speak up and warn the wicked to change their ways, the wicked will die unwarned in their sins and I'll hold you responsible for their bloodshed. But if you warn the wicked to change their ways and they don't do it, they'll die in their sins well-warned and at least you will have saved your own life.

¹⁰ "Son of man, speak to Israel. Tell them, 'You've said, "Our rebellions and sins are weighing us down. We're wasting away. How can we go on living?"'

¹¹ "Tell them, 'As sure as I am the living God, I take no pleasure from the death of the wicked. I want the wicked to change their ways and live. Turn your life around! Reverse your evil ways! Why die, Israel?'

L Word of God. Words of Life.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalms 119:33-40 (The Message)

L Psalm 119.

God, teach me lessons for living
so I can stay the course.

Give me insight so I can do what you tell me—
my whole life one long, obedient response.

Guide me down the road of your commandments;
I love traveling this freeway!

Give me a bent for your words of wisdom,
and not for piling up loot.

Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets,
invigorate me on the pilgrim way.

Affirm your promises to me—
promises made to all who fear you.

Deflect the harsh words of my critics—
but what you say is always so good.

See how hungry I am for your counsel;
preserve my life through your righteous ways!

L Word of God. Words of Life.

C Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14 (The Message)

L A reading from Romans.

⁸⁻¹⁰ Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is love.

¹¹⁻¹⁴ But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

L Word of God. Words of Life.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God Speak



Word of God, speak. would you pour down like rain, wash-ing my eyes

to see, your maj - es-ty, to be still and know that you're in this place?

Please let me stay and rest in your ho - li-ness. Word of God, speak.

li - ness. Word of God, speak.

Words and Music: Bart Millard and Pete Kipley

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20 (The Message)

P Hear the Good News, as recorded in St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

¹⁸⁻²⁰ "Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

P This is good news.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE


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SONG OF THE DAY


Brother – The Brilliance

Chorus, Interlude, Ch, Verse, Ch

Chorus



When I look in-to the face of my en-e-my, I see my bro - ther, I see my bro - ther.



When I look in-to the face of my en-e-my, I see my bro - ther, I see my bro - ther.

Verse



For-give-ness is the gar-ment of our cour-age, the pow'r to make the peace we long to know.




Op - en up our eyes — to see the wounds that bind all of hu-man-kind.




May our shut - tered hearts greet the dawn of light with char-i-ty and love.

Chorus



When I look in-to the face of my en-e-my, I see my bro - ther, I see my bro - ther.



When I look in-to the face of my en-e-my, I see my bro - ther, I see my bro - ther.

Words and Music: John Arndt, David Gungor, Ian Cron

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PROFESSING OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face graciously shine upon you.
The Lord's mercy and peace be yours,
This day and forever.
- C **Amen.**
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CLOSING SONG

Build My Life

1. Wor - thy of ev - 'ry song — we could e - ver sing.
2. Je - sus the name a - bove — ev - ry oth - er name.

Wor - thy of all the praise — we could e - ver bring.
Je - sus the on - ly one — who could ev - er save.

Wor - thy of ev - 'ry breath
Wor - thy of ev - 'ry breath

1. — we could ev - er breathe. We live for you. —
2. — we could ev - er breathe. We live for you. —

Ho - ly, there is no one like you, there is none be - sides you. O - pen up my eyes in won - der and

1. show me who you are and fill me, with your heart and lead me in your love to those a - round me.

2. those a - round me. I will build my life u - pon your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion.

1. I will put my trust in you a - lone, and I will not be shak - en. 2. **D.S. al Fine** not be shak - en.

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SENT TO SERVE

P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."
By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ,
we are called to:

**C Worship God,
Grow in Faith,
Share the Gospel,
Serve Others,
Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!**