

**SERMON NOTES**

I. *Paul Persuades* (11)

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**HARBOR CHURCH**  
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025**

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WE ARE A FAMILY OF GOD, BOUND TOGETHER TO  
GLORIFY AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER. WE DO THIS BY  
SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST,  
STRENGTHENING EACH OTHER IN HIM, AND  
SHOWING HIM TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.

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## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 35:1-18

Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!

**Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft.**

How long, O Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their destruction, my precious life from the lions!

**I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You.**

## WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US

*...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, for ever. Amen.*

## O WORSHIP THE KING

Trinity Hymnal #2

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS PUBLICALLY AND SILENTLY

Ransoming Lord, We confess that we do not listen to you or remember who you are. We are quick to forget that you stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth with a word. You created us and everyone around us, and you alone are from everlasting to everlasting. You are the one who judges all men in righteousness and truth. Because we often forget this truth, we fear and worship people instead of you, and give them the power to cast us into despair by their judgments of us. Instead of trusting and rejoicing in your verdict of "not guilty," we are undone by their displeasure and devastated by their criticism. Sometimes they revile us for our actions and we are crushed, even though we have not broken your law, but only the laws of men. At other times, when they reproach us for truly breaking your law, we hear only their words of condemnation and not the comforting words of the gospel. When we love your righteousness and feel your law written on our hearts, we have trouble remembering your grace and forgiveness. Forgive us, Lord.

*Barbara R. Duguid and Wayne Duguid Houk, Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration, ed. Iain M. Duguid (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2014), 88.*

## GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## WE REJOICE IN ALL YOUR WORKS

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## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism #55

Q. 55. How does Christ make intercession?

**A. Christ makes intercession, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to all believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services.**

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 3:8

**To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.**

## WE DRAW NEAR (HEBREWS)

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2017 Sing the Story Music (Admin. by Caroline Cobb Smith)

## WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD

Matthew 5:2-12

And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Don Deal

*I pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus:*

## WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING OFFERINGS

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## THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT

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## WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS (DOXOLOGY)

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow / Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

"Living with Accusations"

Pastor Michael Colvard

2 Corinthians 5:11-14a

## GOD FEEDS US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All the bread is gluten, and nut free. Wine is on the outer ring; inside rings are juice. Please dispose of cups on your way out of the Sanctuary.)

## O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

Trinity Hymnal #535

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

*If you need prayer, the elder who prayed earlier in the service and a female volunteer will be happy to meet you up front.*