



Fifth Sunday After Christmas  
January 24, 2010

# **YOUTH GATHERING AND SERVICE**

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**Today at Asbury 5 pm.**

# Gathering and Prelude

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# Call To Worship

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# Unison Prayer

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# Hymn 400

**“COME, THOU FOUNT OF  
EVERY BLESSING”**

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1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.
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2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

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3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm  
constrained to be! Let thy goodness,  
like a fether, bind my wandering heart to  
thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love; here's my  
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy  
courts above.

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# Passing of Peace

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# Joys and Concerns

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# Pastoral and Lord's Prayers

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# Anthem

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**Offering  
Doxology  
Offering Prayer**

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# Scripture Lesson

Luke 4: 14 - 21

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Lk 4:14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Lk 4:15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

Lk 4:16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.

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Lk 4:17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

Lk 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

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Lk 4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Lk 4:20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him,

Lk 4:21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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“The Upside Down Life”

# **MOTHER TERESA SAID:**

**“Then give that money to the  
poor,”**

**“You’ll learn more from that than  
anything I can tell you.”**

# JESUS READ FROM ISAIAH SCROLL

## × Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me to  
preach good news to the poor

# JESUS CAUSED EVERYONE OFF GUARDED

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- ✘ He did not emphasize the past, but focuses on the present.
- ✘ He did not lift up Isaiah as the great prophet, but Jesus himself.
- ✘ He said “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke4:21)

# PROPHET ISAIAH

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- × Proclaimed fearsome judgment;
  - + “The Day of the Lord”
- × Proclaims hope and comfort to the people suffering and in dire circumstances
- × God is a Holy and just God, and he must punish his rebellious people, but he will afterwards redeem them

# ISAIAH 61:1

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- ❖ **“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me to preach good news to the poor; Bind up the brokenhearted; proclaim freedom for captives, and release the prisoners from darkness.”**
- ❖ **It is God redeeming his people from captivity**
- ❖ **Isaiah had a name for this day as “The Year of the Lord’s Favor.” (Isaiah 61:2)**



# JESUS FULFILMENT OF ISAIAH 61:1

- ✘ God said it is through suffering of the servant that salvation in its fullest sense would be realized
- ✘ Isa. 53: 4-7 described the redemptive nature of Israel' suffering
  - + Descriptive of Jesus suffering on the cross

# ISAIAH 53: 4 - 7

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Isaiah 53:4

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

# ISAIAH 53: 4 - 7

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Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

# JESUS FULFILMENT OF ISAIAH 61:1

- × Here is the great truth:
  - + It is through suffering that we are set free from our prisons

# JESUS PROCLAIMS:

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- ✘ It would be the poor, the blind, and the oppressed who would be released.
- ✘ They are the ones who would receive the focus of divine activity in the new messianic era.
- ✘ It would not be the most obedient, not the most devout, not those who prayed most earnestly and fervently, not those who were wise, not those who were strong.

# JESUS, MESSIAH

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- ✘ Not a great military leader.
- ✘ Not a powerful king, not a divinely-powered conqueror.
- ✘ Whom they knew as a son of carpenter

# JESUS, MESSIAH

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- ✘ Just Jesus is the one who claims “the spirit of the Lord is upon me.”
- ✘ Just Jesus announces that God has “anointed me.”
- ✘ Just Jesus preaches the good news because God “has sent me.”
- ✘ Jesus doesn’t so much preach an upside down message.
- ✘ Jesus’ very existence is upside down.

# JESUS IDENTITY AND MESSAGE

- ✘ Jesus claimed Sonship and he and the Father were one.
- ✘ Church the body of Christ and the bride of Christ
- ✘ Messiah who is a servant is a Savior who is a “Son.”
- ✘ Culturally it is just wrong.
- ✘ Upside down, inside out, last things first, weak is strong



# JESUS PUT UNIVERSE UPSIDE DOWN

- ✘ In weakness, he found power.
- ✘ In brokenness, he found wholeness.
- ✘ In death, he found eternal life.
  - + It is the same for us.
  - + Whatever we look at, we are to look at from the bottom up,
  - + From the upside down,
  - + From the inside-out

# GOOD NEWS

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- ✘ God declares this is the year of the Lord's favor
- ✘ God say, "In the time of my favor, I will answer you and in the day of salvation I will help you."
- ✘ God is doing a new thing among us.
- ✘ The Lord is close to the broken hearted.
- ✘ He rescues those who are crushed in spirit.

# GOOD NEWS

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- ✘ God says, “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you” (Isa.41:10).
- ✘ “Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord who has compassion on you” (Isa.54:10).

# HYMN 130

**“GOD WILL TAKE CARE  
OF YOU”**

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1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

3. All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.





**Benediction**

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