



“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (II Corinthians 5:17-21 - NIV)

Prayer: O Lord God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that Your Church may worship You in Peace and Joy. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN



Order of Worship – The Common Service With L.S. – pg. 15

- Greeting by the Pastor
- Invocation (Liturgy pg. 15)
- Opening Hymn **C.W. 560** Sung by the Congregation
 - Confession of Sins
 - Absolution
 - Prayer and Praise (pg. 16)
 - Prayer of The Day (pg. 17)

First Lesson – Job 38:1-13-Brace Yourself Like A Man!

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 46 (C.W. pg. 84 – Sung by the Congregation)

Second Lesson – II Corinthians 5:14-21-Reconciled To God

Gospel Lesson – Mark 4:35-41 – Jesus Calms The Storm

The Nicene Creed by the Congregation: (Liturgy pg. 18)

Sermon Hymn: **C.W. 355** sung by the Congregation

Sermon Text: II Corinthians 5:17-21

Sermon Theme: Ambassadors of the Message of Reconciliation
To God In Christ Jesus.

"Create in Me" – (pg. 20)

Offering (The plates will not be passed but are at the entrance doors)

Offering Prayer

Prayer of The Church

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Liturgy (Liturgy - pg. 21)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy – Liturgy pg. 22)

Words of Institution (Liturgy pg. 23)

Agnus Dei (O Christ Lamb of God – Lit. pg. 23)

RECEPTION of Christ’s Body & Blood which are Really Present, In / With and Under the Bread and the Wine for the forgiveness of sins.

Vs. 18b - through Christ!

When Adam & Eve fell into sin in the Garden of Eden, they, yes all Mankind (There were only 2 people in the world at the time = Mankind) became enemies of God and friends of Satan.

In order for Mankind and God to be reconciled, something needed to be done.

As sinful human beings Adam and Eve could not fix the problem. As sinful human beings no one could solve the problem except for someone who was without sin.

The One Who could and did fix the problem was Jesus Who had no sin, and became sin for us.

Vs. 21 – God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Jesus Who was and is without sin, took our sin upon Himself on the Cross of Calvary, and nailed all our sin, and all the regulations of the law to the cross! (Colossians 2:13-16)

Now, in Christ Jesus our Lord, we have become “**The Righteousness of God**”.
In Christ Jesus we are now right with God and heirs of eternal life in heaven.

As Paul writes in this Second letter to the Corinthians we are a new creation, the old sinful flesh has been done away with.

As Reconciled children of God through Faith in Christ Jesus we are told:

Vs. 19 – That God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them.

Because our sins are no longer counted against us, we have the sure and certain hope of heaven where there is no more sin, or death, or sorrow or crying, and we will be given those new glorified bodies. (Rev. 21:1-7; Philippians 3:20-21; Isa. 65:17-19; Isa. 55:1; Isa. 11:1-12)

This is the GOOD NEWS of The Holy Bible. We are Forgiven by Jesus who took our sin upon Himself on the cross (†) of Calvary and so we now have heaven. We need not fear hell, but can live in peace knowing we have heaven.

Now that we are Reconciled to God in Christ Jesus, we also have been commissioned with God’s Work. That work is “The Ministry of Reconciliation”.

We are “Ambassadors of Christ Jesus”.

There are U.S. Ambassadors in other countries. These Ambassadors represent the U.S.A. God has made us as Christians / Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, God has made us Ambassadors.

We have been given the commission to proclaim the Word of God to others.

We are God’s representatives here on earth.

Vs. 19 – That God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Vs. 20 – We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.

Do not keep the salvation which God has won for you in Christ Jesus hidden underneath a basket, but rather let your light shine before men (Matthew 5:16) that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven. AMEN

THEME: Ambassadors of the Message of Reconciliation To God In Christ Jesus.