

READING OF GOD'S WORD
Mark 2:15-20

Linn Parsons
New Testament, Page 35

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Forever Moments*

Lynne Latham, Cello

P. Reeves

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children (preschool through 5th grade) are invited to attend Children's Worship with Teresa Perry.

Shirley Yoder

*HYMN: *Come, Be With Our Friend Jesus*

Songbook 76

*TEXT FOR THE DAY: John 6:35-40, 59-69

New Testament, Page 96 & 97

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY: "To Whom Shall We Go?"

Rev. Barry Foster

SILENT REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WORSHIP BY GIVING

Offertory: *God Leads Us Along/I Must Tell Jesus*

* Offertory Response - Doxology

Prayer

Loree/Carr

Hymn 817

CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER RESPONSE: *Spirit of the Living God*

Hymn 96

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN: *Let Us Follow Our Lamb*

Songbook 79

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Long Journey*

K. Kaiser

Lynne Latham, cello

*(Please stand, if able)



Lewisville, North Carolina

August 26, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Watchword Text for the Year

*To all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God. John 1:12*

Welcome!

Our church is a family committed to the promise of God that Jesus Christ is Lord of life, and that His love unites us in spirit and truth. We are glad you are with us today and we invite you into our fellowship! If you are in need of any assistance or a large print hymnal, please ask an usher.

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please register your attendance by signing the pew pad)

PRELUDE: *Allegretto*

Lynne Latham, cello

C. Smith

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY: "Jesus' Purpose"

Our God has come to us.

We didn't recognize him for who he was, and wondered why this man did not join our group?

Jesus: "I did not come to lounge about with the leisured classes; I came to heal the sick."

Our God has come to us.

We want to be helpful and accommodating...we have the means to make his life more comfortable.

Jesus: "I did not come to patronize the wealthy; I came to preach the good news to the poor."

Our God has come to us.

We like what you say, most of the time, but, tell us again what school you attended and what degrees you have?

Jesus: "I did not come to speak for those who are educated and articulate; I came to listen to the voiceless ones and plead their cause."

HYMN: *Good News! Our Christ Has Come!*

Text: Sharon M. Benson
Tune: DARWALL

- 1) Good news! Our Christ has come! Good news to all the world.
He comes to preach good news, new life for evermore.
God's Spirit dwells in all who care, in all who share 'til want is gone.
- 2) Good news! Our Christ has come! He heals the sad of heart.
He sets the prisoners free and helps the blind to see.
God's Spirit works through all who love, through all who touch the lives of these.

Our God has come to us.

We hoped he would see the evil around us and eliminate the bad so we can live and prosper without fear.

Jesus: "I did not come to be shown what was wrong; I came to tell those who say, 'we see clearly what is needed,' that in fact, their own ambition and greed has created a blind spot which doesn't allow them to see God's way."

Our God has come to us.

We wanted everyone to "toe the line" and live correctly, according to the ten commandments but, there are so many problems to be solved.

Jesus: "I did not come to identify problems; I came to meet people, for people are always more important than their problems, as life is always greater than its failures."

HYMN:

- 3) Good news! Our Christ has come! Oppression now may cease.
Christ claims the side of those who've lost their rights and peace.
God's Spirit moves to free the slave and fill the empty with good things.
- 4) Good news! Our Christ has come! His arms reach out and plead
to share God's blessings with a lonely world in need.
God's Spirit comes to all who ask, to every heart that seeks release.

Our God has come to us.

We want the right people to be congregational members so that we will have a good reputation and always have our best foot forward.

Jesus: "I did not come to build a casualty clinic and call it my church; I came to announce God's kingdom – a place where the lowly of the world who were never loved much, find love. I bring a message from my God: 'of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

HYMN:

- 5) Good News! Our Christ has come! His mission is proclaimed.
He wants for all a life that's free of want and pain.
God's Spirit calls for us to work, for us to serve 'til love prevails.