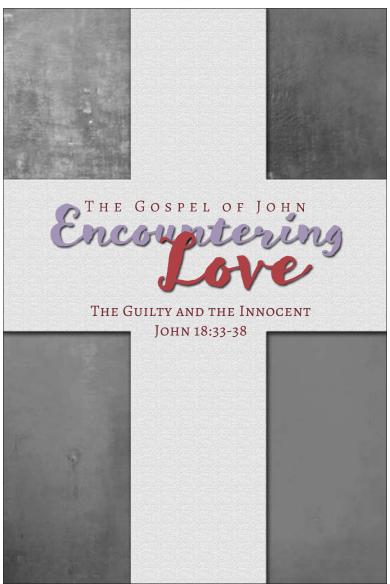
iii. Noticing the encounter, Isa. 16:5, Acts 17:31.

c. An aberration of justice.

III. Application

- A. Barabbas and you.
 - 1. A parade of sinners.
 - 2. Discovering Barabbas' relevance, 2Sam. 12:7.





Traditional Worship Service

May 24 2020 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Hail the Day"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

MOMENT IN THE WORD: Rom. 5:6-9

SINGING TOGETHER:

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
"He Will Hold Me Fast"

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

RESPONSIVE READING: 2Sam 12:1-7

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE SONG: 'Doxology'

SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:38-40

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "The Guilty and the Innocent" John 18:38-40

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION - "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Rev. Kirby Williams Worship Leader – Byron & Stacy Cox

"The Guilty and the Innocent" John 18:38-40

- I. Introduction
- II. Exposition of the text, John 18:38-40.
 - A. Context, Acts 2:23.
 - B. On truth and justice.
 - 1. When truth is lost, vs. 38.
 - a. Acting according to his nature.
 - i. Devoid of the truth, John 8:44.
 - ii. All truth is relative.
 - b. Why did Pilate not let Jesus go?
 - i. The "extenuating circumstances".
 - · The crowd had grown.
 - · The Jews had been busy, Mark 15:11.
 - · Pilate's problems with Rome.
 - ii. The "black hole" of relative truth.
 - · When truth is relative, justice is compromised.
 - · Pilate's black hole, Matt. 27:19.
 - c. The "black hole" in our culture.
 - i. The death of justice.
 - ii. Denying the laws of God and man.
 - 2. The custom of pardon, vs. 39.
 - a. The conviction of an innocent man.
 - i. The irony of the pardon.
 - ii. Exploring the custom, Mark 15:6,8.
 - b. Pilate's suggestion.
 - i. To antagonize.
 - ii. To manipulate.
 - 3. Choosing Barabbas, vs. 40.
 - a. Introducing Barabbas.
 - i. Turning to the other Gospels, Matt. 27:16, Mark 15:7, Luke 23:19.
 - ii. Barabbas was a terrorist, John 11:49-50.
 - iii. When truth does not matter, Matt. 27:20.
 - b. Innocence and guilt.
 - i. Another powerful confrontation, Luke 23:2.
 - ii. The irony of Barabbas' name.

Worship Songs 10:00 a.m. Service May 24, 2020

Moment in the Word: Rom. 5:6-9

Rom. 5:6. For while we were still weak at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom. 5:7. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person-though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-

Rom. 5:8. but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 5:9. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. Responsive

Scripture Reading: 2Sam 12:1-7

2Sam. 12:1. And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.

2Sam. 12:2. The rich man had very many flocks and herds,

2Sam. 12:3. but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him.

2Sam. 12:4. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

2Sam. 12:5. Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die,

2Sam. 12:6. and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

2Sam. 12:7. Nathan said to David, "You are the man!

Hail the Day

Hail the day that Christ arose,
Through the skies to worlds unknown.
Glorious there He ever reigns,
Object of all heaven's praise.

See Him lift His hands above, See the scars of His great love. He has conquered death and sin, Saving all who hope in Him.

Hallelujah, hallelujah! The King of Love is on His throne. Hallelujah, hallelujah! His grace will lead us safely home.

Though He dwells beyond the stars, His redeemed are on His heart. Even now He intercedes, Jesus cares for all our needs.

Hallelujah, hallelujah! The King of Love is on His throne. Hallelujah, hallelujah! His grace will lead us safely home.

(repeat 2 more times)
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea. Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee, Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see. Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast, When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast; I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path, For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.

Precious to His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord to Thee; Take my moments and my days-Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be,
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold-Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use, Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my love- my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself- and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

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.

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my will and make it Thine-It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart- it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

He Will Hold Me Fast

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.