

Living Water Fellowship

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

6th June 2021

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION GREATER (MERCY ME)

SONG: *Blessed be your Name*

WELCOME and PRAYER OF THE DAY:

SONG: *Jesus strong and kind*

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Acts 3:1-16

FAITH CHAT:

SONG: *Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)*

THE MESSAGE: *GETTING OUR ACTS TOGETHER: HEALING ACTS*

PRAYERS:

The Communion:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: Rest My Soul (Tim Timmons)

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

**† _____, child of God, the Holy Spirit
makes your life a healing presence! Amen.**

Announcements:

SONG: *10000 Reasons*

SHOW HIS LOVE

ACTS 3:1-16

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. ²As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

⁴Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, ^[a] get up and ^[b] walk!"

⁷Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. ⁸He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

⁹All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. ¹⁰When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! ¹¹They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

¹²Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "People of Israel," he said, "what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? ¹³For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate's decision to release him. ¹⁴You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!

¹⁶"Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Acts 3:1-16. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read it a few times to yourself? Does your familiarity with this text interfere with you hearing it in a new light?
2. Considering the likely probability that Peter & John saw this man regularly, why do you think they stopped & interacted with him that day?
3. Who do you identify with in the story the most? Peter & John? The crippled man? The onlookers? Why?
4. What, at first glance is unique about this miracle? How is this a fulfillment of Jesus' promises in John 14:21 & 20:21? How is the power Jesus can delegate to you, or any individual follower, limited by the exercise of your faith?
5. Do we have any evidence the lame man had faith & was thus being rewarded? What did he do after he was healed? What about the next day... what do you think he did?
6. When the crowds saw the previously lame beggar "walking & leaping & praising God" what did they do? How did Peter take advantage of this opportunity?
7. What is the purpose of every outward sign of God's power, presence, protection or provision? How does Peter demonstrate that here?
8. To whom did Peter attribute the power for healing the beggar? Why was the healing of the man best understood against this profile of Jesus? What is the significance of Jesus' name in the healing of the lame man?
9. If God were to miraculously heal someone from Living Water, how do you think most people would respond? Why? When was the last time God answered a prayer of yours in a delightful way? How did you respond?
10. What are you praying for right now & how would you like God to answer? Do you believe that God is both willing & able to meet your needs? How does this event challenge you in your faith in Jesus?
11. How would you answer someone who says, "I prayed for God to heal my friend, but she isn't getting better"? How does God heal even in the face of prolonged or terminal illness?
12. Are there any questions you have about this event in the life of the church?