
Graphics and Audio Notes

- There **will** be a sermon starter video.
- There **will not be** notes and / or scripture to show on screen during the sermon.
- There will be a responsive reading for the consecration of the sanctuary with text on screen. You can find it included in this document.



Text highlighted in this way will have a slide prepared to be on screen.

Text highlighted in this way is a reminder for Andrew during delivery.

Key Questions

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about the reconsecration of our sanctuary for worship and that we are the church.

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because it can be easy to forget that we are the church - not the building where we gather.

What is the good news?

The good news is that you are God's field, God's building.

What are the next action steps?

You are invited to live as part of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

What is the context of this sermon?

This sermon is preached the Sunday after Easter. It is the day in which we reconsecrate our renovated sanctuary for worship.

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- Change Lives
- Make Disciples
- Share
- Share Christ

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- 1 Corinthians

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Introduction

1 Corinthians 3:9-13, CEB

⁹We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰I laid a foundation like a wise master builder according to God's grace that was given to me, but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. ¹¹No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²So, whether someone builds on top of the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, or hay, ¹³each one's work will be clearly shown. The day will make it clear, because it will be revealed with fire—the fire will test the quality of each one's work.

1 Corinthians 3:9-13, NRSV

⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.

Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Service for the Consecration or Reconsecration of a Church Building

On acquisition or completion of any church-owned building, a service of consecration may be held" (The Book of Discipline 2012, ¶ 2545). The following service is based on the ancient tradition that the consecration of a church building is the proclamation of the Word and the celebration of Holy Communion as the first act of worship in the new building.

This may also be the first service after the renovation or reopening of a church building. If the building or renovation costs have been fully paid, the term dedication may be substituted whenever the term consecration occurs.

Thank You

Building Committee

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David Stewart

Simpson Construction Services

Howard Thome - Superintendent

Congregation

Presentation of the Space

One: I present this space to be reconsecrated for the worship of God and the service of all people

Consecration of the Space

One: Dear friends, rejoice that God so moved the hearts of people that this house has been renovated for praise and prayer.

Let us now consecrate it for service and celebrate its holy use.

Prayer of Consecration

One: O eternal God, mighty in power and of incomprehensible majesty, whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, you have promised your special presence whenever two or three are assembled in your name to offer praise and prayer.

By the power of your Holy Spirit consecrate this house of your worship.

All: Bless us and sanctify what we do here, that this place may be holy for us and a house of prayer for all people.

One: Guide and empower in this place by the same Spirit

All: the proclamation of your Word

One: and the celebration of your Sacraments,

All: the pouring out of prayer

One: and the singing of your praise,

All: professions of faith

One: and testimonies to your grace,

All: the joining together of persons in marriage

One: and the celebration of death and resurrection.

All: Save us from that failure of vision which would confine our worship within these walls, but send us out from here to be your servants in the world, sharing the blessings of Christ with the world he came to redeem.

One: Now, O God, sanctify this place, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the dominion, and you are exalted as head above all.

Consecration of the Pulpit

*Those leading in worship and the congregation present may process to the pulpit.
The officiating minister lays a hand upon the pulpit and says:*

One: Eternal God, we thank you that Christ your living Word speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture, written of old by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit and proclaimed today by the anointing of the same Spirit.

When your Word is read and preached from this pulpit, purify the lives and lips of those who speak here, that your Word alone may be proclaimed and your Word alone may be heard and obeyed.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: God's Word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path.

We consecrate this pulpit in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Bible is placed upon the pulpit at this time.

Consecration of the Baptismal Font

Those leading in worship and the congregation present may process to the baptismal font.

The officiating minister lays a hand upon the font and says:

One: Most gracious God, we thank you that through the waters of baptism you have given us new life, adopted us as your children, and made us members of your Church.

When we pour the water of baptism, making and renewing our covenant vows, pour out your Spirit and give new birth;

wash away sin and clothe your people in righteousness;

that, dying and being raised with Christ, we may walk in new and abundant life;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

We consecrate this font in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Water is poured into the font at this time.

Consecration of the Lord's Table

*Those leading in worship process to the Lord's table.
The officiating minister lays a hand upon the table and says:*

One: Lord God, we thank you that when we gather at the Lord's table the living Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup; and we are renewed as his body, whose life is in his blood.

When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, refresh all those who partake at this holy table.

Feed the hunger of our hearts with the bread of heaven, and quench our deepest thirst with the cup of salvation.

Strengthen us for your service in the world, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Jesus said: "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

We consecrate this table in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Construction Time-lapse Video



Build Your Kingdom Here

What image of God's kingdom do you have in mind when you pray the Lord's Prayer?

If you don't have an idea of the Kingdom of God, you are praying empty words.
This is a prophetic prayer

Example of God's Kingdom

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Images for God and God's Kingdom

What do you imagine when you think of a picture of God and God's kingdom?

- King and a kingdom
- President and CEO of a corporation
- Mayor of a town
- Warden of a prison

The kingdom of God is the place where God's dream for creation, community and individual is lived out completely.

God's kingdom is the place where God's will is done completely.

What is God's Kingdom?

God's Kingdom began with Jesus

Jesus announces the kingdom of God in his first public preaching. In the gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark, we read that as Jesus begins his public ministry, he is baptized by John the Baptist, tempted in the wilderness and then returns to Galilee to begin his public ministry. Hear these words from Mark 1:14-15:

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"¹

The kingdom of God.

God's Kingdom is not here yet

Jesus ushered in God's reign with signs and wonders, yet his ministry only marked the beginning of the realization of an even larger promise of the restoration of the whole creation. God's kingdom will reach completion when Jesus comes again as described in Revelation 21:1-4, NIV.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."²

We are invited to should continue to pray for the coming of God's kingdom by recognizing God's lordship and accept God's reign in their lives. When we pray this part of the Lord's Prayer, we commit ourselves to the service of Jesus as Lord and to anticipate the time when all of creation will be restored under God's gracious rule.

God's Kingdom is already here

God's Kingdom is not completely here, yet in some ways it is already here.

In between the inauguration of the kingdom of God in Jesus Christ and its completion at Jesus' second coming, we have the opportunity to live as part of God's kingdom in the world and anticipate the fully complete kingdom of God.

We can participate in God's kingdom as it is breaking into the world. If we believe that God's kingdom is a place of justice, I can engage in those activities that promote justice today. If I believe that God's kingdom is a place where the poor and displaced are cared for, I can care for those who are poor and displaced today.

¹ Mark 1:14-15, CEB.

² Revelation 21:1-4, CEB.

1 Corinthians

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- Worship – 150 more people in worship
 - Current – 167
 - Grow – 150 people in small groups
 - Current – 55
 - Give – 150 annual giving commitments
 - Current – 109
 - Serve – 150 people serving beyond the walls
 - Current – 95
 - Share – 150 first time guests
 - Current – 100 (average of 50 per year)
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Conclusion

Thy Will be Done...

Of course the challenge when we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." is that much of the time, I am more interested in my kingdom and my will, rather than God's kingdom and God's will.

Good News

The good news is that when we pray, God is at work changing our heart and life.

Call to Action

Prayer is the means by which we open our hearts and souls to the presence of Christ and deepen our connection and relationship with God. It is not just asking – presenting God a 'wish list' of our wants. Take time to pray, because, it is one of the primary ways that we can

listen to God,
discover God's will for our life and
find ways that we can live as part of God's kingdom here and now.

Invitation

In the days ahead, I invite you to pray, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?", but even more than that,
for your daily life,

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for our church and community,
for ways that, together, we might live as part of God's kingdom and
listen for God's still small voice.

Closing Prayer

Will you pray with me?

O Lord, what do you want to do through us?

Speak clearly to us as individuals as a congregation.

Help us shape our will to yours and live faithfully as part of your kingdom.

Open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts.

Help us to listen.

Amen.