

SERMON TEXT: Mark 10:1-16 (ESV)

¹And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.
²And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”
¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”
¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. Jesus Teaches: (v. 1)

II. About Ancestral Traditions (vv. 2-12)

III. About the Kingdom (vv. 13-16)

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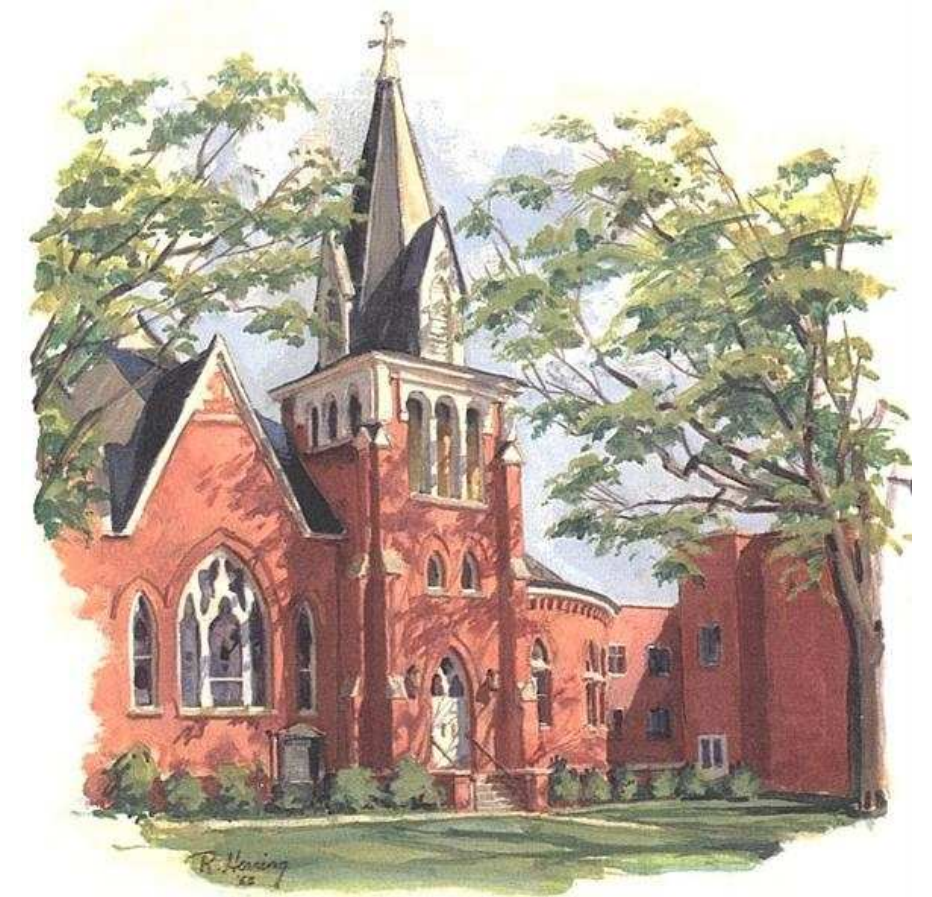
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April 27, 2008 ♦ 5th Sunday after Easter ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Dr. Fred A. Coates
 Welcome and Announcements
 Invocation

PRELUDE: Rockingham..... Parry
 Joanne Daykin

***THE DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**.....34
 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.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

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REPORT FROM CAMP GRIER.....The Rev. Dave Cohn

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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 Joyce Johnson

***HYMN:** *Happy the Home When God Is There*.....607

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we want to serve You faithfully and to follow You wholeheartedly, but often we make important promises and fail to keep them. So we pray for Your forgiveness for the words of grace left unspoken in Your name... for the prejudices we have harbored that are still not broken down... for the reconciliations with others not pursued... for our neglect of those who suffer... for our lack of interest or involvement in passing faith on to others... and for these particular things that we mention now in silence...

Thanksgiving

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *Walk Worthy*..... Martin

Chancel Choir

*Response: *We Give Thee but Thine Own (n.2)*.....688

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Text: Mark 10:1-16

Sermon: *Family Matters*..... Dr. Coates

***HYMN:** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* (Verses 1-4).....7

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* (Verses 5).....7

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE:** *All Glory Be To God On High*..... Pachelbel

*** Those who are able will please stand.**

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Manchie Poore from Frank, the children and grandchildren.

Recent Prayer Requests: Pressley Brawley; Raegan Malinvosky; Levi Thomason, Margaret Sanders' brother; Victor Johnston; Pat Culberson; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Joyce Gilland, Jean Coates' sister; Martha Andrews; Jackie Potter; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson.

Camp Grier: Summer camping sessions are offered at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for children in rising second through twelfth grades, from June 15 through August 1. Brochures are available in the church office, and further information can be found online at www.campgrier.org. Camp Director Dave Cohn will present a "Minute for Mission" today at the 11:00 service and will be available to answer questions about camp. Scholarship help is available.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens this Friday, May 2. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., tour the extensive gardens and the new Orchid Conservatory, have lunch in the Gastonia area, and return to Mooresville in the late afternoon. Cost is \$9. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you would like to make a reservation.

Confirmation Luncheon: The entire congregation is invited to a luncheon in honor of this year's Confirmation Class next Sunday, May 4, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, no charge for children under 4; maximum \$15 per family.

Presbyterian Men: On Sunday, May 11, Mothers Day, we will hear the songs of our own gospel singers, *Gideon's Torch*. Check your guns and torches at the door but bring your wife or girl friend. We plan to eat at 8:30 a.m. and be entertained at 9:00 a.m. See you there.

Thank you to Peggy Davidson for conducting the choir this morning while Alan Sledge along with David Brooks, Thomas McMillan, Eric Plier and Harry Weyer are on a camping trip at New River State Park with 18 teenage boys from the Wednesday night Supper Club.

Sunday Schedule Shift : Starting on June 15, our Sunday morning schedule will shift to the following:

- **Worship 9:00-9:50 a.m.**
- **Church School 10:00-10:45 a.m.**
- **Worship 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Why are we making this Sunday Schedule Shift? We're making this shift so the earlier worship service will be more appealing and accessible, for it is the service with the greatest potential for attendance growth. We're making this shift because for many people, 8:30 a.m. is just too early and a very real psychological barrier exists for them. We're making this shift because Jesus calls us to do what we can to fulfill his mission of "Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples" and reach out to more people in Mooresville and the world. So mark your calendars!

Calendar for April 27 – May 4, 2008

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. - Worship 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship w/Visit from Camp Grier Director 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF 7:00 p.m. - Session (including examinations of confirmands and officer-elect)
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. - Preschool <i>Spring Sing</i> in the FH 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home 6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers 7:00 p.m. - Sisters in Christ (No. 2) in the Parlor 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Friday:	9:00 a.m. - Preschool <i>Spring Sing</i> in the FH 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive to Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden
Sunday 5/4:	8:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation 12:15 p.m. - Church luncheon in honor of 2008 Confirmation Class 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlor 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF 7:00 p.m. - Committee meetings (moved due to Mother's Day)