



Restored, Redeemed, Reoriented

*Restoration: Easter to Pentecost #3
(John 21:1-25)*

When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

When we hear "Follow Me" from Jesus, we are hearing the effective call to Life from the Restorer, the Redeemer, the Reorienter.

- I. Restored** vv.1-14
 - A. To Divine Partnership** (Another Catch of Fish) vv.1-8
 1. With a Savior who acts (Jesus' power is great and for sharing).
 2. In work we do *for* Jesus (which is always work we do *with* Jesus).
 - B. To a Real Friendship** (Another Meal with Jesus) vv.9-14
- II. Redeemed** vv.15-19
 - A. From Shameful, Faithless Cowardice** (Another Charcoal Fire)
 - B. To Courageous, Faithful Service & Honor** (A 2nd Chance to Die)
- III. Reoriented** vv.20-25
 - A. To Christocentricity** (Jesus at the Center)
 1. Vertical rather than Horizontal perspective
 2. Submission to Jesus (*Follow Me!*) rather than Elevation of Self
 - B. For Revolutionary Action** (the world turning right-side-up)
 1. Peter the missionary martyr with Jesus ...
 2. John the "beloved disciple," writer & visionary with Jesus...
 3. God's ongoing work of life-giving *Restoration*

Additional Notes:

"A Christian gospel ends properly, not with the appearance of the risen Lord to His disciples, and their belief in Him, but with a confident statement that this mission to the world, undertaken at His command and under His authority, will be the means by which many are saved."

- D. A. Carson, The Gospel According to John, p.666



This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

John 21:14 (KJV)

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada
April 21, 2024**

Service for The Lord's Day

April 21, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. – John 21:17

We Gather as Partners with Jesus in His Work of Restoration

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano
Greetings and Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull
Choral Introit Covenant Choir
Call to Worship Elder Dianne Billharz
Psalm 119:89-112 (hymnal p.830)

We Worship Jesus Christ Our Redeemer

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #164
***Time of Greeting**
Children's Prayer Time Katie Guerrero
Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri (#734)
Time of Offering
Offertory Anthem "Give Me Jesus" – arr. Sterling
***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God's Word Helps Reorient Us to a Christ-Centered Life

***Hymn of Preparation** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" #649

Gospel Reading: **John 21:1-25** (p.907)

Message: Restored, Redeemed, Reoriented Pastor Jay Hull
(Easter to Pentecost #3)

We Go Forth Hearing Our Lord's Command: "Follow Me."

Prayers of the People & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "Fairest Lord Jesus" #170

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ

* indicates to stand if you are able



Hymns for April 21st

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#164)

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
- 3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
- 5 He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
- 6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

More Love to Thee, O Christ (#649)

- 1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea,

Refrain: More love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!
- 2 Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek; give what is best:
this all my prayer shall be, [*Refrain*]
- 3 Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me, [*Refrain*]
- 4 Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
this still its prayer shall be, [*Refrain*]

Fairest Lord Jesus (#170)

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.
- 4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.