

Sermon September 25, 2016 - Pentecost 19

Healing Worship Confession and Absolution

Selected verses

I. Introduction

- Worship begins with God
- Worship has to be in spirit and truth, but in order for it to be in spirit and truth God has to work first in our hearts.
- liturgy that literally means “the works of the People”

II. Worship – a Mountain top experience

- Hebrews 12:2-24
- Therefore this text in a way summarizes what we do here in Worship services every time we gather with one another.

III. Confession and Absolution

- God is holy and we are not.
- Confession and Absolution cleanses us
- We confess our sins....

IV. The Absolution

- “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” (John 20:22b-23)
- Receive the forgiveness of your sins.... (Absolution)

V. Sermon Part II

- Hugging a clean child.
- The dirt and mud on us are our sins and the wrongs we have done against God, against one another, and even against ourselves, our sins
- The word for forgiveness comes from the same word that means “lift” or “carry.”
- Forgiveness then means lifting somebody’s sins or faults, and carrying them away, taken them away.

VI. Woe

- Amos 6:1
- Amos 6:4
- “Woe” is given for those who have a reckless living, a reckless life style.
- It applies to both those who don’t know Christ and those who know him, God’s people.
- At times we become more enraged when the church doesn’t provide what we want, more than we are when the world destroys us physically and spiritually.

VII. The Good News

- We do have God's forgiveness
- On account of Jesus, you are blessed!
- Zephaniah 3:17: (read by all)