



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CRC
WORSHIP SERVICE
October 16, 2022

Worship Leaders: Various plus Pastor Frank Guter



Prelude

*Please use this time
To prepare for Worship*



Welcome & Opening Prayer

Responsive Call to Worship

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

L: Bless the Lord, my soul.

P: With all my being I bless his holy name.

L: Bless the Lord, my soul, and forget none
of his benefits.

P: He pardons all my wrongdoing and heals all my ills.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (2)

L: He rescues me from death's pit and crowns me
with love and compassion.

**P: He satisfies me with all good in the prime of life,
and my youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

L: Bless the Lord, my soul.

P: With all my being I bless his holy name.

First Song

[CH] # 723

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Second Song

[CH] # 368 vv. 1&2

He Lives

A night landscape featuring a starry sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible. The foreground shows a calm lake reflecting the stars and the surrounding landscape. The background includes a line of evergreen trees on the left and a rocky mountain range on the right. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing white text.

God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

A night landscape featuring a starry sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible. The foreground shows a calm lake reflecting the sky and the surrounding mountains and trees. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular background in the center of the image.

**We Receive Fresh Grace:
Confession & Assurance**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, we confess that we have sinned in your sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring honor to your name. Forgive us. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin—from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life. Amen.



Unison
Affirmation of our Faith

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (1)

ALL: Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose.

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (21)

ALL: We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about. God holds this world with fierce love. Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news: sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God— the firstfruits of a new creation.

SONG

[CH] # 718

Day By Day



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

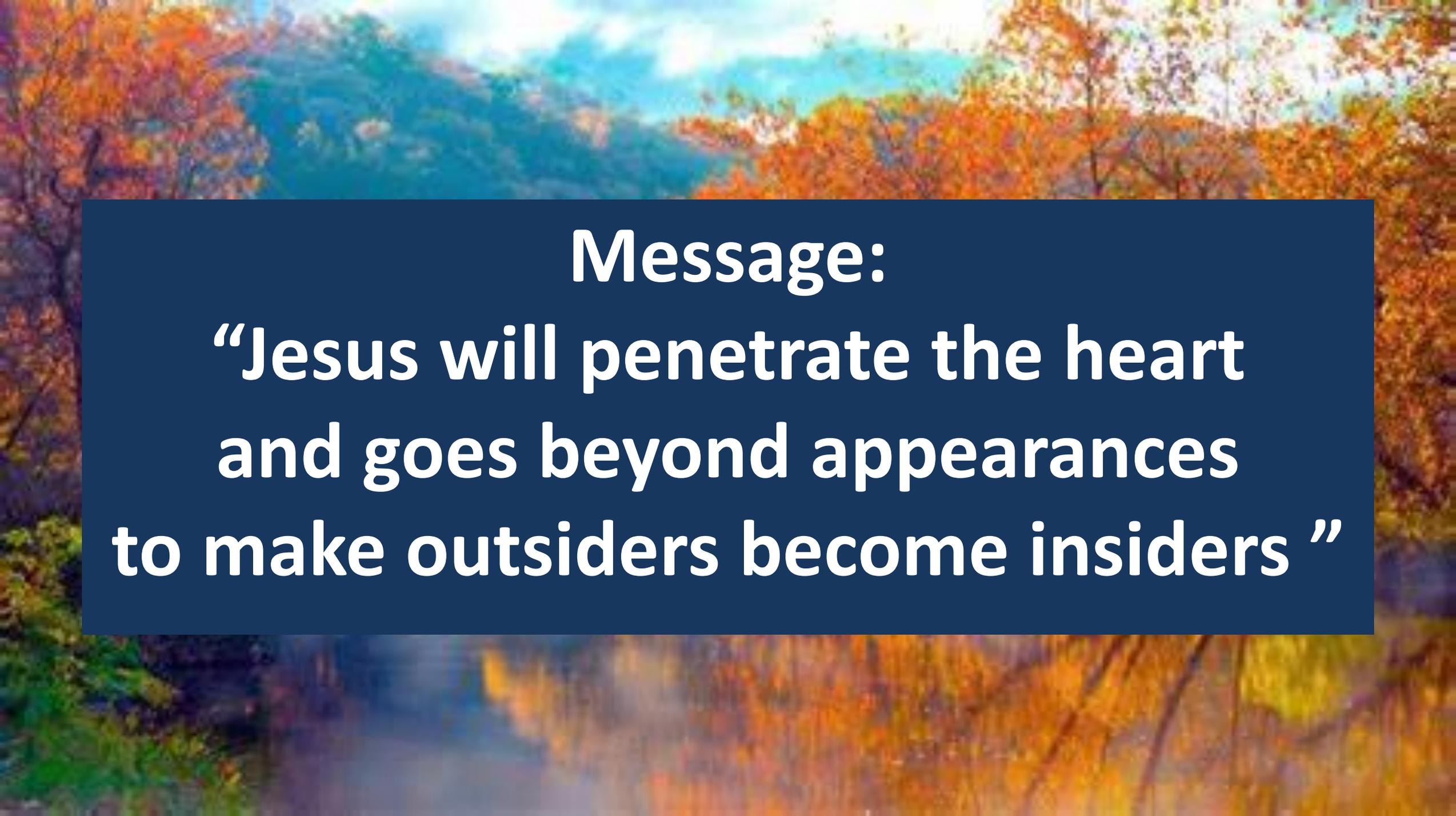
General Offering: Faith Ministry Fund

Special Offering

CRCNA Ministry Shares



**Special Music -- Solo --
[Red #755 vv. 1 & 3] “Speak, O Lord”**



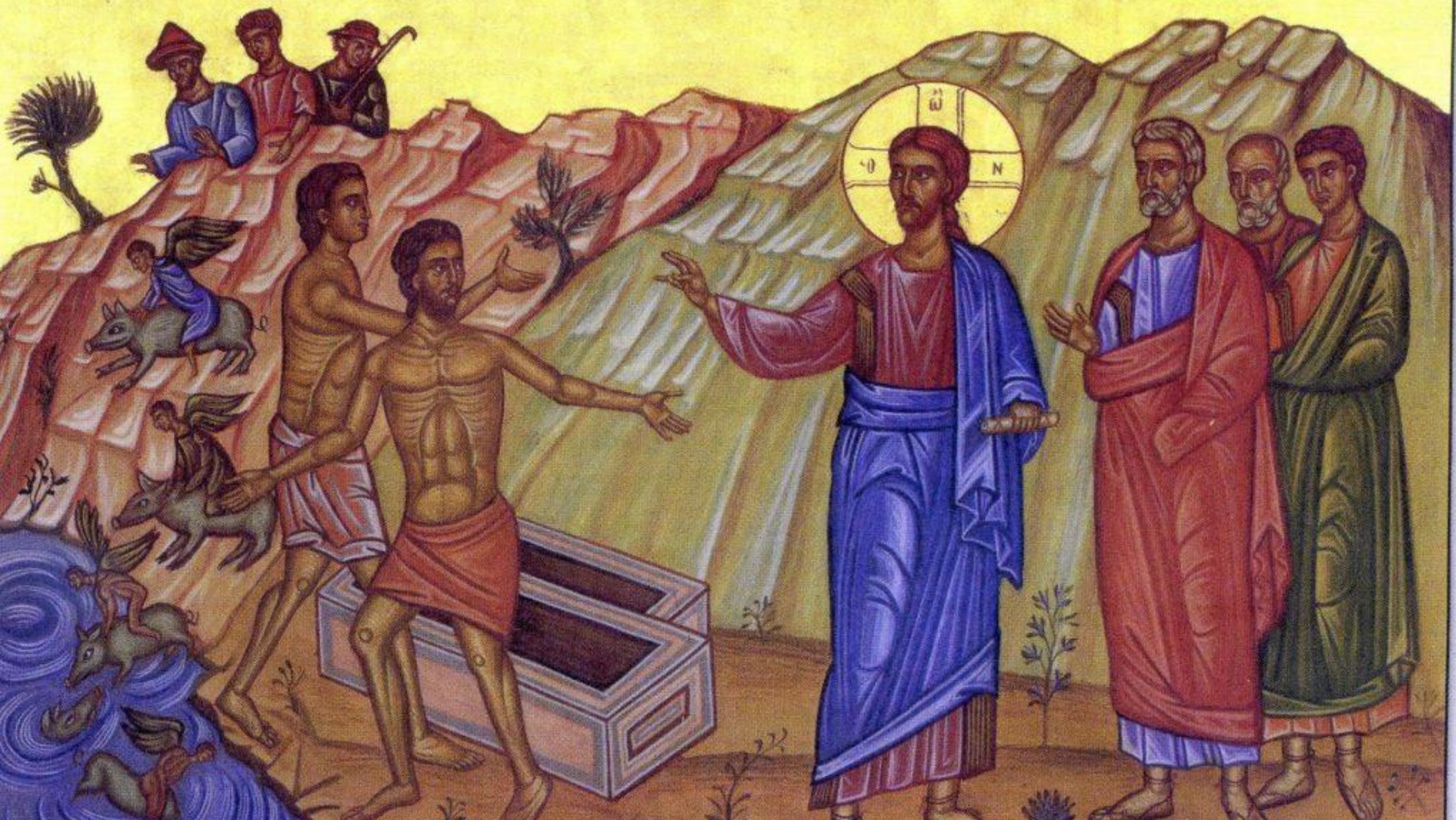
Message:

**“Jesus will penetrate the heart
and goes beyond appearances
to make outsiders become insiders ”**

A scenic landscape featuring a calm river in the foreground, surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the background, there are blue mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and picturesque.

Summary & Opening Comments













Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-30

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The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

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⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

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⁹ And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— ¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

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¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” [16]

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

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²⁰ He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

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²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

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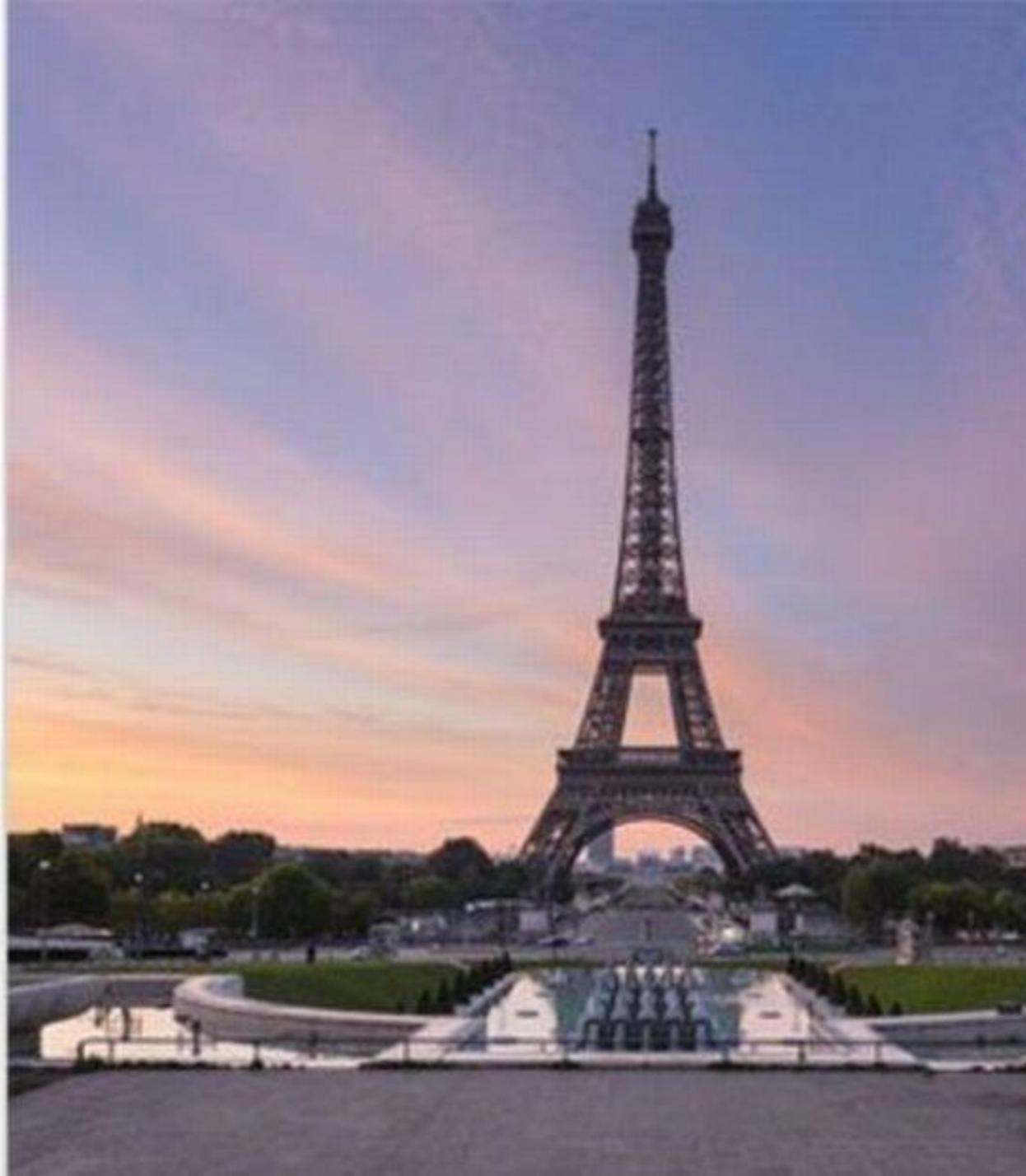
27 “First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

28 “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” **29 Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”**

30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

COME OUT OF

Nowhere





GOOD

EVIL

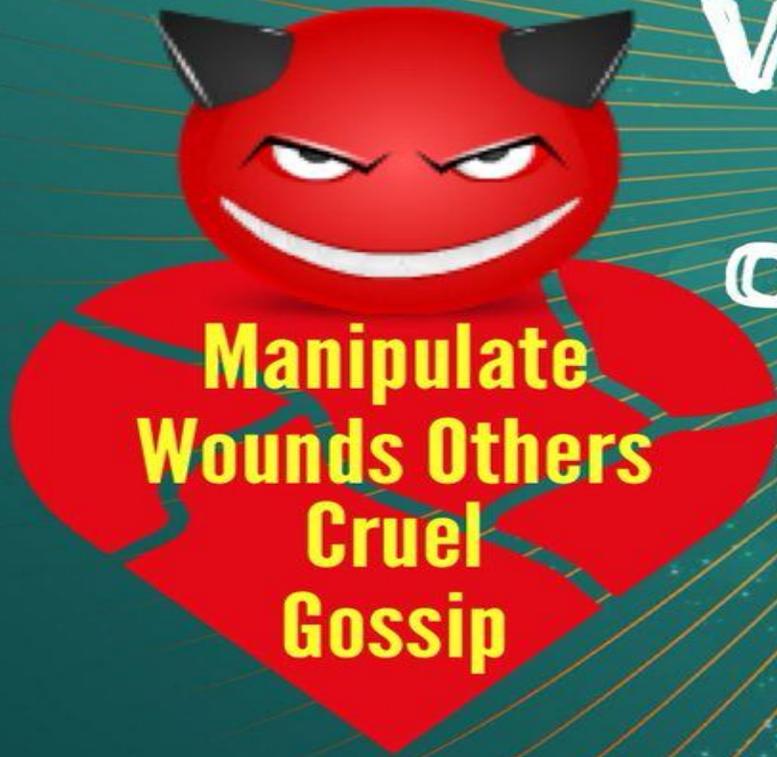




**GOD LOOKS AT
THE HEART.**



HYPOCRISY



Manipulate
Wounds Others
Cruel
Gossip

What comes
out of your
mouth is a
result of
what's in your
Heart



Strive for the Crown







who is
HE?

An aerial photograph of a large lake at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple, with the sun low on the horizon. The water reflects these colors. In the foreground, a small island or peninsula is covered in trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. In the background, there are more trees and a small building on the left, and a larger wooded area on the right. A dark blue rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "PRAYER OF RESPONSE" in white, bold, sans-serif font, underlined.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Hymn of Response

*[CH] # 502 In My Heart There
Rings a Melody*



Closing Blessing

Closing Hymn

[CH] # 815

Doxology

