



From the ***Garden*** to the ***Garden City***:
The Bible in 6 Weeks

11:00 – Sunday, October 9

PRELUDE

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Organ

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Beautiful Savior” [LW 507]

INVOCATION

P: We begin in the name of the most high God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Today we focus on the covenant God made with His people. Any call to confession should lead us to the font, because it is in Baptism that Christ has washed away our sins. Take a moment now to reflect on the Ten Commandments and how they relate to everyday sins in your life.

Time of Private Examination

P: The Law of God reveals our sin to us, let us now sing our confession of this sin to God.

HYMN of CONFESSION “To You, Omniscient Lord of All” [LW 234, v. 1 & 3]

ABSOLUTION

P: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Christ has washed your sins away; live now in that forgiveness.

C: Amen.

PRAYER of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: Gracious Father, Meet us now in this time of worship just as you have promised. Open our eyes to see that your desire from the beginning has been to love us and be with us. Change our hearts. Change our minds. Change our lives by the power of Christ and his love shown on the cross. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 19:1-11 [NIV]

¹On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the LORD what the people had said.

¹⁰And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes ¹¹and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Karen Thompson

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-13 [NIV]

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” ¹⁰The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

¹¹Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. ¹²But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” ¹³Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” [LW 451]

SERMON “COVENANT”

OFFERING

“Keep Your Lamps”

Andre Thomas

Voices of Peace

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort and Healing** for Kattie (The Shackelford’s daughter-in-law)-to carry her baby full term; Horace Phillipss coworkers-family and physical problems.

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** for Molly and Mark Castleberry-celebrating their 18th birthday Oct. 12.

•**Wisdom and Courage** for Red Apple School and College Students.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

CLOSING SONG “One Thing Remains”

CONNECT

- **NEO Concert | Friday, Oct. 14 | 7:30pm | More info @ northeastorchestra.org**
- **6Stones CPR Fall Blitz | Oct. 21-22 | Register Online @ 6Stones.org | House #15**
- **New Member Class | Oct. 30-Nov. 20 | New Members Register @ PeaceChurch.org**
- **Red Apple Silent Auction | November 11 | Interested in Donating or Sponsoring?**
 - If your business is interested in sponsoring a table for the auction OR would like to donate an auction item or service, contact LisaHolly@RedAppleSchool.org

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Trey Clegg

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*



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