



Welcome

*We're glad you're here*

# DISCERNING



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Neil Parker  
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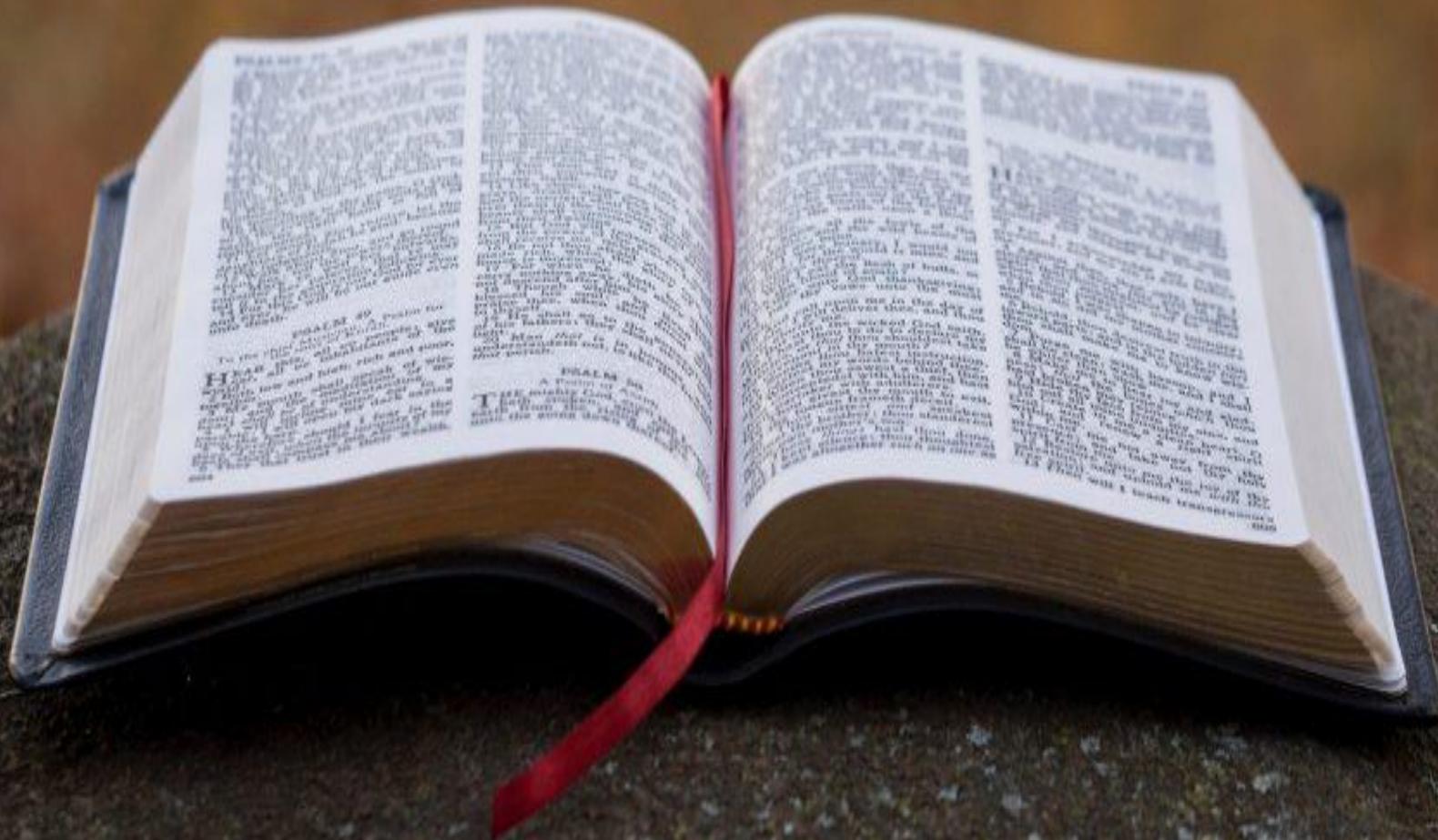
# MEDITATION & PRELUDE

*Tomasz Piętak, organ*

# VCC CHOIR



# WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



# OPENING HYMN - CH 632

## *Lead On, O King Eternal*

1 Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home;  
through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy  
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal,  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears;  
thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.



**SPECIAL PEOPLE**

## FIRST READING - *2 Kings 5:1-14*

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read:

“With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.” As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!” When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes?”

Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.” But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me

then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed’!” So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

## **SECOND READING: *Galatians 6:1-16***

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in

themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. **Not Circumcision but the New Creation** See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being

persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

# RESPONSIVE READING - Luke 10: 1-11, 16

Read by Pastor Neil

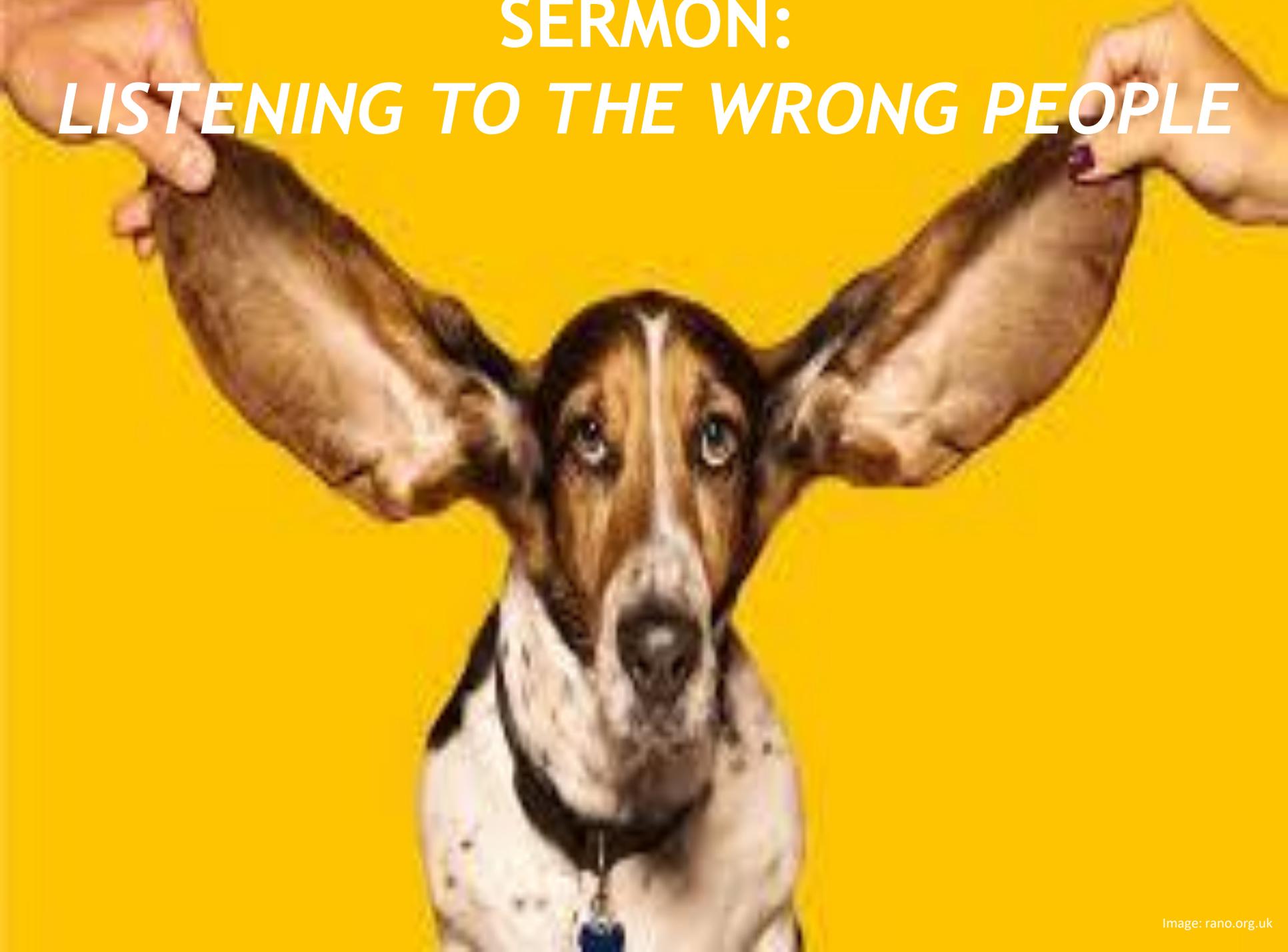
**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.

Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

**SERMON:**

***LISTENING TO THE WRONG PEOPLE***



# RESPONSIVE HYMN - CH 490

## *The Servant Song*

Sister, let me be your servant.  
brother, let me walk with you;  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.  
fellow trav'lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey thro'.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of great love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant.  
Sister, let me walk with you;  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.



Tomasz Piętak, organ

# PRAYERS



# DOXOLOGY - CH 46

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



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THIS WEEK'S

# Announcements

*check out what we're up to!*

# CLOSING HYMN - CH 543

## *Blessed Assurance*

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

[Refrain:]

# Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Refrain]

# Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

[Refrain]

# Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

# BLESSING

Go in peace to love  
and serve the  
Lord.

Thanks be to God



AMEN



# **POSTLUDE**

**Tomasz Piętak, organ**