

SERMON FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2013

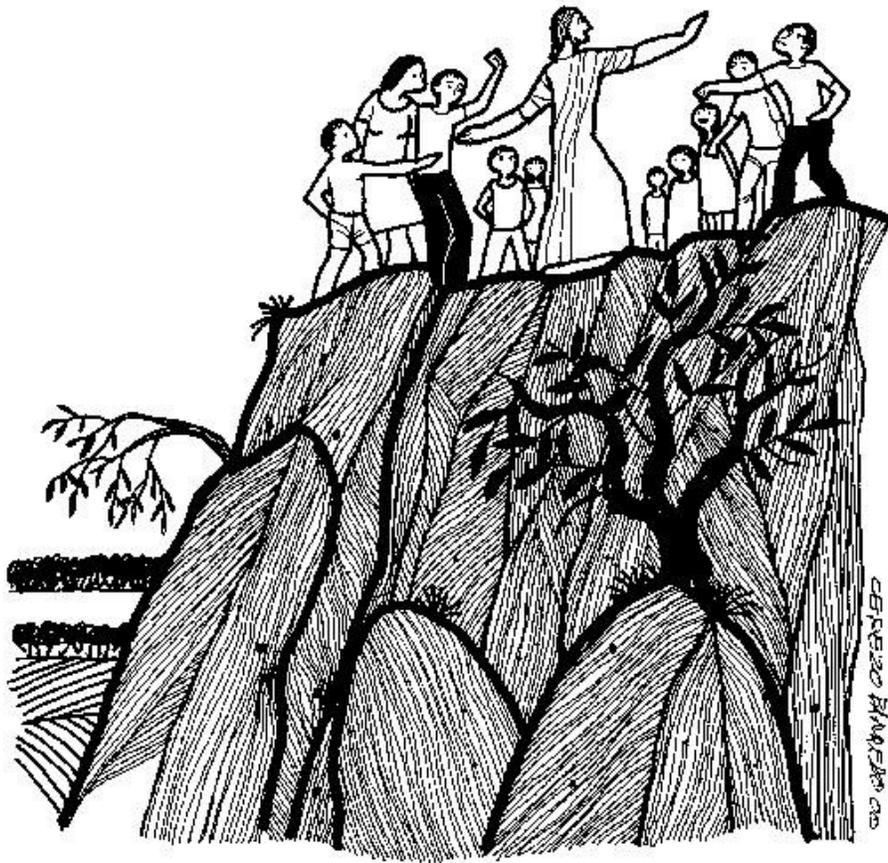
The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawai'i (UCC)

7:45 & 10:30 Worship Services/Holy Communion/Love Offering

Scripture: **Luke 4:21-30 (Focus)**

Message: ***"We are Being Called to God's Wisdom!"***

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Gathering in the Word

Hearing the Word

Luke 4:18-19; 21-30 (New International Version Bible - 2011)

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²¹ **Jesus began by saying to the people in the synagogue,
“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Doing the Word

So, what is the Word of God for us on this First Sunday in February?

- 1. ONE: GOD'S GRACE IS FOR EVERYONE!**
- 2. TWO: TAKE HEART OR AT LEAST PONDER THE MESSAGE!**
- 3. THREE: GOD IS STILL HERE IN OUR MIDST!**

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