

Order of Service
Solagint G. Church
Aug 26/56

Call to worship

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Invocation

Hymn 15-

Responsive Reading 715-

Scripture Reading Mal 53

* Luke 19-1-10

~~Children's story~~ Hymn 604

Prayers

Announcements

Offering & Response

Hymn 262

Address - Sermon. - Prayer.

Hymn 501-

Benediction:

The Lord Bless thee & keep
thee. The Lord make his
face shine upon thee
and be gracious unto
thee. The Lord lift up
his countenance and
give thee peace. Amen.

Chief Tax collector .

Chief among publicans .

Probably handed out
positions to women
to tax collectors.

Hand in glove with
Rome .

verse

And he sought to see
Jesus who he was, and
could not for the press
for he was little of stature.

Perhaps for a moment
or two this morning
we can go back to the
story of Zacchaeus and
his effort to see Jesus.

Brought up a few
Zacchaeus had found
it easier to act as tax
agent for the Romans.
There is no doubt he did
a good job for the Romans
as he is reported to have
been wealthy.

No doubt he was much
disliked by his own people.
Being a tax gatherer

would put him in
the same category as
the height of officialdom.
Almost a despot in our
day.

Then too he seemed to have
been able to abstract a few
more shekels than was
due Rome. These evidently
found their way into his
own pocket.

So we have a picture of a
man small in stature.
Quite willing to work for
all conquering Rome
although a son of Abraham
himself.

Small in stature and
evidently with a mean
avaricious outlook on life

He presents to us a picture that is not a very pretty one.

All his effort had been to be servile to Rome and at the same time enhance his own wealth at the expense of his countryman.

We have so many Garchaeus today. The word picture in the Bible may quite possibly fit many of us.

Quite likely Garchaeus had previously heard of Jesus. Perhaps his conscience had been bothering him before. Conscience do at times if we let it.

At any rate Zacchaeus although proud and rich and quite unpopular with his own people was interested enough to climb a tree to see Jesus.

Then Jesus spoke to him and bade him come down because he wished to visit Zacchaeus in his own home.

In this short story on the Gospel of St. Luke we have another revelation of its wonderful redeeming power of Christ.

A power that compelled a proud, rich, disliked man to change his ways completely & restore himself to those he had wronged.

This ^{can} might be a challenge to all of us today. We are both to take much effort to see Jesus. Certainly not to climb trees with our fellow men looking on. We might possibly get too far out on a branch and have it break on us.

The redeeming feature in our story this morning is that God chose let Jesus change him completely. He was at once accepted by Jesus as well.

How often on leaving church after an especially pointed sermon have we heard it said. It's a pity there were not more out to hear that wonderful sermon etc.

factorial changes.

Change in as necessary.

Zechariah believed in
action and took Jesus
home with him to the
consolation of the scribes
and Pharisees. Jesus going
to lunch with a sinner.
Visiting at his home of all
things, what sort of a man
is this that eats with
publicans and sinners? The
point of the whole story
that I can see is that
Zechariah allowed his
contact with Jesus to
change his whole way of
life.

Do we do the same or
do we leave our church
saying: That was a great
sermon, right from the
heart and so forth. But do
we change!!