"God of the Nations" Genesis 10:1–11:9 March 19, 2023

The Table of Nations

The Tower of Babel

"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." (9:1)

The God of the Nations

"And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring." (Acts 17:26–28)

"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!" (Psalm 67:3)

"No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the Lord." (Proverbs 21:30)

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." (Acts 2:1–11)

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9–10)

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18–20)

"The light that shines farthest shines brightest nearest home." (C. T. Studd)

Notes			

Discuss

- How does the Table of Nations confront the aggressive nationalism and racial division that characterizes our world?
- What are ways that you see people, including yourself, repeating the mistakes of Babel (disobedience, pride, man-made religion)?
- Without question, reaching the nations can seem overwhelming, so what can you realistically do, by the grace of God, to be a part of his plan to save the nations?

Read

Psalms 2:1-12; 67:1-7; Acts 2:1-13; Ephesians 2:11-22; Revelation 7:1-17

Pray

- That God will receive the glory that he deserves among the nations.
- That God will move our church family by his Holy Spirit to pray, give, and go.

Bulletin

- Men's Breakfast: March 25 at 8:00am
- Easter Egg Hunt Outreach: April 1 at 10:30am
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (Give Online or In-person): Last Day to Give April 9
- VBS (rising kindergarteners–5th graders): June 26–30