

21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 17th at 10:00 a.m.

“But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant”

Mark 10:43 (NRSV)

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Arr: B. Adams *Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Choral Introit “Who Is on the Lord's Side?” Words: Francis R. Havergal, 1877. Music: C. Luise Reichardt, Arr: John Goss, 1871 Public Domain

Call to Worship

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus

And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life;

To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;

To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

Adapted from Re:Worship Proper 24B

Opening Prayer

Holy Creator, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus’ cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may serve one another on this daring adventure. AMEN.

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Hymn of Praise UMH #77 “How Great Thou Art” Words and Music: Stuart K. Hine, 1953. *Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
REFRAIN

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin,
REFRAIN

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
REFRAIN

Prayer of Confession

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry, which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Live in God's love. Amen.

Anthem "Awake, My Heart" Paulus Gerhardt, 1647. TR. Winfred Douglas, Music: Jane M. Marshall, 1958. *Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45 NRSV

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life ransom for many."

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon "How to Be the Greatest" Sherry Hietpas

Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327. Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851 and Godfrey Thring, 1874. Music: George J. Elvey. *Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**
- 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for all he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**
- 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.**

His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified,
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Prayers of the People

Sending Forth Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89 Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864 Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Though art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever signing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Benediction

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Love well, serve humbly, keeping your eyes on the glory of God. AMEN.

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