

22nd Sunday After Pentecost
October 24th at 10:00 a.m.

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.”

Mark 10:52

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music “Celtic Blessing” Arr. J. Perks *Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Choral Introit “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?” Francis R. Havergal, 1877; alt. MUSIC “Armageddon”; C. Luise Reichardt; arr. by John Goss, 1871. *Public Domain.*

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Hymn of Praise “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH #57 (Verses 1-5 & 7) Words: Charles Wesley, 1739.
Music: Carl G. Glaser arr: by Lowell Mason, 1839. *Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.**

**3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.**

Prayer of Yearning (Based on Job 42, Ps 34, Mark 10)

God of mystery and blessing, we long to be counted among the wise, and not among the foolish who speak without knowledge. We yearn to be found among the righteous, and not among those who boast without cause. We desire to be sincere agents of your grace, and not be as those who speak empty words without true compassion. Give us eyes to truly see when we only see what others have, and not what they have lost. Give us hearts of flesh when we are absorbed in our own desires, and ignore the needs of others. Like blind Bartimaeus, grant us the courage to cry out "Have mercy on us."

Words of Assurance (Based on Hebrews 7)

Pastor: Hear the good news! Christ intercedes for us, and saves everyone who comes to God in his name. Draw near to God through Christ, and God will draw near to you. Amen.

Stewardship Mission Moment – God's Work, Our Hands Afghan Refugee Project – Sherry Hietpas

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Gospel Reading Mark 10:46-52 NRSV

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he

cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon "Faithful Insight" Rev. Matthew B. Sergent

Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454 Words: Clara H. Scott. Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Prayers of the People

Sending Forth Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451 Words: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt. Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Benediction (Based on Psalm 26 & Hebrews 7)

We once were broken, but now are whole.

We go with peace in our hearts.

We once were blind, but now we see.

We go with hope for our lives.

We once were lost, but now are found.

We go with joy and thanksgiving.

We once were alone, but now are family.

We go with God.

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