

## WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today  
as we gather together to worship God!

Please be sure you complete the salmon sheet inside your bulletin  
and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship.

All parts spoken by the congregation are listed  
**in bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will  
indicate other helpful descriptions of the service.

Large Print Hymns are available. Please see a greeter for assistance.

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*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ,  
to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life,  
and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** Amazing Grace

arr. by David Cherwien

*The words to Amazing Grace, today's opening hymn, were written in 1772 by John Newton, an English clergyman and former slave trader. The tune, called New Britain, was composed by an American named William Walker in 1835. It quickly became popular in the U. S. and is now one of the most popular hymns in the world.*

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*[moment of silent confession]* Gracious God,

**C:** **Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our +Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C:** **Amen.**

## HYMN 779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (verses 1-4)

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE



*Refrain* This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ia. (1) Wor thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



*Refrain* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu -



ia. (2) Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



*Refrain* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



36 ia. (3) Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



40 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion:



44 Bless-ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the



48 Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



51 *Refrain* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



54 God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



57 ia. (4) For the Lamb who was slain has be -



61 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - ia.



65 *Refrain* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our

68 God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
72 lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Hebrew 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all

time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



A - le - lu - ia. Lord. to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia.

P: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the tenth chapter of Mark.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **ANTHEM**

[8:15am, Chancel Choir]

"Christ of the Upward Way"

arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

[11:00am, Men's Chorale]

"Ride the Chariot"

by Wm. Henry Smith

## **SERMON**

Pastor Patti Morlock

**HYMN 722 "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Response:*

P: ...Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

...and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians who believe that Christ is present in the wine and bread for forgiveness, life, and salvation are welcome to partake of communion. Please indicate to the server if you would prefer to receive grape juice. All children and adults who prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion are welcome to come forward. Please indicate you would prefer to receive a blessing by keeping your hands folded.*

## BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

### HYMN 545 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

## DISMISSAL

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE: Fugue**

by Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

## PSALM 126:1-6

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
Then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”  
The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!  
Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
Shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126 does have a dreamlike quality. God has restored us to what he intended for us in creation. We are no longer captive to sin and death. Who could have imagined such a thing? The captives in Babylon spent generations removed from their homeland. They may have hoped for a while, but eventually hope was forgotten.

The human race has spent a much longer time in captivity to sin—so long that most forgot the penalty. When all hope was forgotten and we were unable to see our desperate condition, the Lord did great things for us.

He has restored our ancient fortunes.

# Listening for the Promise

## Weekly Devotional

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – October 24, 2021

*“...followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)*

A man is in dire need. As Jesus passes by him the man calls out, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” He is blind and destitute. Jesus has mercy and heals him. Though there are miraculous healings in Mark, Jesus is not here primarily to give us happiness, or to solve our problems, or to meet our needs, wants, or desires.

Jesus tells the beggar, “Go!” That is, go your way, you have suffered long enough, go out and live a happy life. But the man literally disobeyed Jesus and “followed him on the way” (vs. 52) and became a disciple.

Perhaps it’s not the healing, but rather following Jesus that is the point. Maybe Jesus has come to help and heal us, but also to place a claim on us and call us. When Bartimaeus’ eyes were opened, possibly he saw Jesus as the one we are to follow. Sure, Jesus promises to sustain us, help us, heal us, and open our eyes, but mostly Jesus calls us to play a part in his mission for the world.

Jesus has tried to teach his disciples that he is not headed for glory and power. He is on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be betrayed, suffer, and then crucified on a cross. And Bartimaeus walks that way with him.

In your life, you have received many blessings and good things from Jesus. One of the best things you have received is discipleship. Jesus has called out to you like Bartimaeus called out to Jesus. Jesus has broken through to you and said, “Follow me.”

And you have followed. Your eyes have been opened and you “see,” you get the point. You are walking with Jesus. You have come to Jesus with your needs to be met, only to be met by Jesus’ claim upon you and his call to you, “Come, follow me, be my disciple.” And like Bartimaeus, you said, “Yes.”

Perhaps Jesus really does want to fix what’s wrong with us. But he may have a very strange idea of what’s wrong. Maybe he knows that above all our other needs, we need a life worth living, a life with meaning that contributes something in the world of service to our neighbor.

So Jesus puts in us a need for discipleship, a desire for our lives to count for something beyond our own lives. Jesus calls out to us, “Follow me.” **Amen.**