

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - Slow Air #1 - Herbert Howells

Call to Worship

O come, let us follow the Son of Man,

we will follow Him wherever he goes.

Those who exalt themselves will be humbled,

but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Opening Hymn No. 128** - He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,

still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.
(Refrain)

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
(Refrain)

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)

Invocation - (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,

and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading Luke 18:9-14 (New Testament page 81/76)

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

God's Word for Young Disciples

(Those in grades K-4 may be excused for Children's worship during the 11:00 service. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall.)

Anthem

8:30 - *How Firm A Foundation* - Mark Hayes

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, who unto the Savior for refuge have fled? "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand." "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress." "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

11:00 - *Living Water of Life* - David Iantz III

Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation? Come through Jesus to the Father through the life sustaining vine. Drink deeply from the living water of life. Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us. Come through Jesus to the Father, drink the life of love divine. Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin, come through Jesus to the Father, feel his quenching deep within. Come through Jesus to the Father, taste the water of all life.

Sermon - *Where'd He Get That Idea?*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn No. 340** - *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Refrain

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Refrain

Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

Refrain

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *Jesus Loves Me* - Charles Callahan

(Please fill out the presence card found in the pews and place it in the offering plates in the narthex or bring it to the front during the offertory.)

Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn No. 354** - I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.
(Refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
fill me with thy love and power;
truly know that thou art mine.
(Refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me.
(Refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to his name!
(Refrain)

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 668)

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

Postlude -Festive Trumpet Tune - David German



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given

in loving memory of her mother, Barbara Lehner, by Kathy Kuzas;

in honor of Arlene Nettling's birthday and in loving memory of Hank Nettling, by Kim and Fred Yoak.

Liturgist: Kathy Kuzas - Both

Service Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir

Music: One License A-731491

Next Steps

Doctor, Doctor

“The Pharisee came to the doctor... having the nerve to crow over the scars (and diseases) of others” - St. Augustine

Luke 18:11 – How did the Pharisee learn to look down at others?

Grace, Famous In Deed

vs. 13 – where did the Tax Collector get the idea he could be forgiven?!

Colossians 3:13 – we, the Church, bear the good news that God forgives

Questions for Reflection: This parable teaches us that God grants grace and mercy based on our humility, not our ability to hold it all together. Weakness and brokenness need not be obstacles to our receipt of God’s mercy. If we allow it, they can be means through which God demonstrates power, mercy, and grace to us and to others around us. How might God’s power be shown today through a weakness or brokenness in your life? Who in your life needs to see God is at work in your weakness or brokenness?

Question for Discussion: The Bible is filled with heroes who were used by God despite their flaws and weaknesses. To name just a few: Abraham deceived two kings about Sarah’s identity, Jacob was lied regularly, Moses was a hothead, and Elijah and Jeremiah battled depression and discouragement. How does this reality that God uses regular, flawed people affect your belief that God will work through you?

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:13 – “Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

Readings for this Week: Luke 19:1-10, Colossians 3:1-17, John 13:

CHURCH NOTES

Fall Hiking Spree: Today's hike will be at Furnace Run on the Rock Creek (1.6 miles.) We will meet at 2:00 p.m. for a quick devotion. In case of bad weather, hikers can complete that hike on their own.

Freedom Brass Concert: This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. the Freedom Brass Band under the direction of Tucker Jolly will perform in the first concert of the 2022-2023 Art Series. This 40 piece brass band will be playing The National Anthem, Summon the Heroes by John Williams, My Fair Lady, Mancini Magic and other wonderful selections. Please come out to hear this concert and bring a friend with you. The concerts are free and open to the public. We do take up a free will offering to help support this concert series.

It's S'October! The Acts of Grace Circle is collecting socks during the month of October for the men and women at Haven of Rest/Harvest Home. Please bring in new socks and place them in the basket located outside the church library. Thank you!

Christmas Greens: The Epworth youth are selling a variety of Christmas greens to help with the cost of their Spring Tour. If you are interested, you may order from any youth or you may call the church office to place your order.

2023 Altar Flowers: We are now taking orders for altar flowers in 2023. The cost is \$38 and the church takes care of the ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com or Ext. 210.

Christmas Poinsettias: The florist has given us an early deadline, so now is the time to order the poinsettias which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. The plants are \$9 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make your check out to First Church and return it with the order to the church office by noon on Monday, November 14.

Donor _____ Phone _____

In memory or honor of (circle one)

Holiday Nuts Are Back! Our Holiday Nut Sale begins on Sunday, November 6, but you may pre-order them now. We are offering Deluxe mixed nuts and whole cashews for \$10/lb and raw pecans for \$12/lb. You may pick up and drop off pre-order forms at the Welcome Center. They will also be on sale in Asbury Hall each Sunday between and after church services and in the church office during the week.

UMW Book Sale: Can you donate some used books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs for our annual sale on Nov. 4 & 5 (9:00 to 3:00). If so, please drop off at the church (Wesley Hall) on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2, 3. We greatly appreciate your donations, but cannot use magazines, text books, or encyclopedias. All proceeds from the sale go to various missions.

Acme Receipts: Remember to save your Acme receipts for their Community Cash Back program. Buy store brands and save the receipts dated August 4 through December 24. The church receives 5% on qualifying

products. The money is used to fund the projects done at Work Camp. Receipts may be turned in at the Welcome Center.

All Hallow's Eve Party: Children age 4 through 6th grade are invited to our annual party on Sunday, October 30, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Activities will include crafts, snacks, games, and stories. Costumes (non-violent) are welcome. Please register at the Welcome Center or in the church office by Wednesday, October 26. Children under 4 may attend with an adult present.

Shirt Sale is to Benefit Missions: Here's a fun way to help the Mission Committee give more to our local missions. We are selling shirts with our church name and logo. You order and pay through Bonfire. They will send you the shirt(s). We have two links with the Bonfire Company:

1. A simple design with church name only on the front of whatever type shirt you'd like - we even have a hoodie. Shirt with front only (smaller font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser/>

2. Shirt with church name front and back: "I go to a great church" on back also available in different colors and styles. Shirt with front and back (larger font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser-1-1/>

Financial Update - September 2022

	September	Year to date
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>
Actual	\$50,477	\$606,365
Budget	\$47,890	\$594,408
Over/(Under)	\$2,587	\$11,957

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