

**Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 2022**

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - All Praise and Glory (based on Hymn 126) - Sondra Tucker

Call to Worship

Sometimes we may feel too small and insignificant to be of any notice by Jesus.

Yet the Lord provides a tree so that we can see Jesus.

That tree is compassion, faithfulness, hope, joy, and love.

We are given the opportunity to witness to our Savior's presence in each of our lives.

Lord, please help us when we forget how much we are truly loved by Jesus.

Open our hearts to receive His invitation on this day. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 126** - Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Invocation - (from Psalm 51)

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you come to seek and save the lost. You cover us with mercy and uphold us in times of trouble. Even when evil is around, you show us a vision of justice and empower us with your own Spirit, so that we do not lose hope. All thanks and praise to you, O God, for you come to save us and set us free. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading - Luke 19:1-10 (New Testament page 82/77)

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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

Children's Anthem - *Jesus Loves Me* and *Hallelujah* - Traditional

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 - *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus* - Craig Courtney

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

11:00 - *Surely the Presence* - Joel Raney

(Congregation please sing Hymn 328 on cue from director.)

Rejoice, O church of God, rejoice, give thanks and sing. Rejoice in the glory of God; in the cross of Christ, our King. Rejoice in the power of God; rejoice in the majesty of God, rejoice in the love of God, rejoice in the holy presence of the Lord. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angels wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Take this church and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take our hands and let them move at the impulse of your love. Surely the love of Christ is in this place; we can sense the Holy Spirit, and the wonder of God's grace. And our hearts are overflowing with the

fullness of God's joy, and we feel the holy presence of the Lord. Rejoice, O church, of God, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Sermon - *Out on a Limb*

Pastor Mike Ward

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn No. 462** - *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *How Fair and Pleasant Thou Art* - Marcel Dupré

(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. 110** - A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;

his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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 - Carillon - Marcel Dupré



The anthem, *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*, was donated in honor of the Epworth Choir by Ed and Judy Jesson.

The anthem, *Surely the Presence*, was donated in loving memory of James Ball by his friends.

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

in loving memory of Bob Brown on their anniversary, by Sally Brown.

Liturgist:

Service Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; Marian Goss, violin; Phil Lantry, piano; 11:00 Chancel Choir; Chancel Ringers; Mark and Cristina Wade, trumpet and oboe; Phil Lantry, piano

Music: One License A-731491

Next Steps

Notes:

Questions for reflection:

What strikes you about the initial meeting between Jesus and Zacchaeus? What was the crowd's reaction as they see the relationship between Jesus and Zacchaeus develop?

What seems to be going on inside Zacchaeus by the end of this encounter (vs 8-10)? How is he transformed by meeting Jesus? What could be the far-reaching effects of this transformation on Zacchaeus and others in his community?

Does Zacchaeus have any positive qualities/ traits? What are his negative qualities/ traits? In a movie, would he be a villain or a hero? Would we end up "rooting" for him or not? Why?

Questions for discussion:

Jesus not only seeks outsiders, he saves them too. How have you personally experienced the seeking/ saving power of Jesus in your own life? What are some of the ways Jesus has changed or is changing you?

Are there ways Zacchaeus is similar to us? Are there ways he is different from us? Do we feel close to Zacchaeus in any way? Why or why not? How does our feeling about Zacchaeus affect our understanding of this passage?

Who is seeking whom in the story? Is it Zacchaeus or Jesus? Are they seeking each other? Who ends up finding whom? How does this happen? Does it matter how we answer this question? Is what happens in the story similar to anything that happens in any way today? How?

Memory verse:

10 "For the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost."

Readings for next week:

Luke 6: 20-31 Haggai 1: 15b- 2:9 Psalm 145: 17-21 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

CHURCH NOTES

Fall Hiking Spree: Today's hike will be at Springfield Bog Park on the Prairie Trail (1.6 miles.) We will meet at 2:00 p.m. for a quick devotion.

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: Now is the time to order the poinsettias to 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)

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!

Holiday Nuts Are Back! Our Holiday Nut Sale begins next 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.

Work Camp Fundraiser: On Monday, November 7, head to Panda Express (2855 State Rd.) between 10:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. for lunch or dinner. If you show them a flyer, available at the Welcome Center, the church will receive 20% of the event sales which will go toward Work Camp.

Pastor Mike Ward graduated from the Course of Study program! Let's shower him with cards to congratulate him. Please bring or mail cards to First Church with "Pastor Mike" on the envelope. Thank you!

Parent's Morning Out: We will sponsor a Parents Morning Out for infants through grade 6 on Saturday, December 10 from 9 am to noon. Children will enjoy a pancake breakfast, be able to shop at the Santa Shop (included in the cost of the morning.), watch a movie and participate in the morning's mission project. The

cost is \$10/child and \$25 max/family of preschool and elementary children. Families with more than 3 children, will need to pay an additional \$10 for each child under 3.

Santa Shop Items Needed: We are in need of items for our annual Santa Shop - especially for children, teens and men. We also need Christmas gift bags of all sizes, wrapping paper, and scotch tape. You may drop off your items in the bin by the Welcome Center by Wednesday, December 7. Please contact Karol Lewis if you are able to help the kids with their wrapping or Donna Curfman to help with shepherding the kids or with the pancake breakfast.

Operation Christmas Child: This organization helps more than 7 million children experience Christmas by collecting and distributing gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 100 countries. You can help by buying new items to pack, donating \$10 to cover the shipping costs, or taking a shoebox from the Breezeway display and returning it completed by November 20. A complete list of items is available at the Welcome Center. Please return items by November 13 as the children at ROCK will pack shoeboxes on the 20th.

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