

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 a.m.

October 15, 2023

### GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name*

**Prelude** - *Benedictus* - Andy Rowley

**Introit** - *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* - Vaughan Williams

### **Call to Worship**

Let the humble hear and be glad,

**I will bless the Lord at all times.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**and let us exalt his name together.**

### **Opening Hymn 144\*\*** - *This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

***Invocation***

**Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION**

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.*

***Scripture Reading***

Psalm 34:1-8 (Old Testament p. 508/480)

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

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

Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.

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

***Gloria Patri*** (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***Anthem - Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*** - Hal Hopson

***God's Word for Young Disciples***

***Scripture Reading***

Mark 10:46-52 (New Testament p. 47/44)

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

**Sermon** - Listen

Pastor Jon Priebe

### **RESPONSE**

*The people of God respond to the Word*

#### **Hymn of Response 454\*\*** - *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*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!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes 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!*

*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!*

#### **Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory** - *Jesus Lifted Me* - Camp Kirkland  
(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

***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 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)*

***Benediction and Response - Into the Coming Days - Ruth Schram***

**Postlude** - *Postlude on "Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>"* - Brenda Portman



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

in loving memory of Evangeline Lee and in honor of Jeremy Huntington's birthday, by Bill and April Huntington;

in loving memory of her parents, Charles and Juanita Peel, by Donna Curfman

**Service Music:** Epworth Choir; Chancel Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

## NEXT STEPS

### Listen

Mark 10:48 – Why did Jesus’s followers try to silence Bartimaeus?

2/3 of those surveyed by Barna had no one to listen without judgment

### B.L.E.S.S.

When Bartimaeus shared what he needed, Jesus Listened

Listening to the hearts of others is Christ-like work

**Prayer Challenge:** How are you doing praying for your neighbors? Use a “neighbor map” to identify eight homes near you. Do you know the names of the persons who live there? How might you learn their names and introduce yourself?

Questions for Reflection: Jesus asked 307 questions in the Gospels but only answered three, according to an observation in *Jesus is the Question* by Martin P Copenhaver. Listening is a great way to show others the love of God! What questions could I use to get to know the people at my school or workplace or the businesses I frequent?

Question for Discussion: How could you work with other Christians (your family, small group, or class perhaps) to show your neighbors that you notice them and hear them? Could you celebrate special days or events in their lives (birthdays, etc)? Could you organize a gathering so everyone could meet each other?

Memory Verse: Mark 10:51 – “Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’”

Readings for this Week: 2 Samuel 22:1-7, John 6:31-35, Matthew 9:9-13

## CHURCH NOTES

**Potluck Lunch/Charge Conference NEXT SUNDAY:** Gather with your friends and family next Sunday, October 22, after the 2nd service (11:30 a.m.) for a potluck lunch in Wesley Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share! Paper products and drinks will be provided. During the meal Pastor Jon will deliver the State of the Church address followed by our brief Church Conference. Please plan to attend this time of food, fellowship, and conferencing.

**Danny Milan in Concert:** Danny Milan, a familiar face at our piano, will present an informal concert on Friday, October 20, at 7 p.m. An active performer, teacher, adjudicator, and composer, Dr. Milan teaches at Texas Women's University. He is known for performances and compositions in the classical, jazz, and pop idioms.

**Used Book Donations and Sale:** The United Woman in Faith is holding their annual Book Sale in Wesley Hall. On sale will be used adult and children's books, puzzles, DVD's, and more. We are looking for donations of these items from October 30 - November 2. Please bring all donations to the church on these dates and come back for the big sale on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All profits go to a variety of local and national missions.

**2024 Altar Flowers:** We are taking orders for altar flowers in 2024. The **new cost is \$40** and the church takes care of the ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at Ext. 210 or cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com.

**Family Promise:** Several of our bins are very low again! We have plenty of peanut butter and jelly for the next several months, but are nearly out of ramen noodles ( no cups) and Velveeta shells and cheese (no cups.) All donations go in the bin labeled for FP which is by the library.

**All Hallow's Eve:** Save the date of October 29 for the annual children's All Hallow's Eve celebration which will take place during ROCK from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. We are collecting donations of small candy individually wrapped items to handed out at the event. (Nothing with nuts, please.) Please leave your items at the office or Welcome Center **by no later than October 22.**

**NEO5 Brass Quintet:** The NEO5 Brass Quintet consists of members of the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Pops, and the Akron and Canton Symphonies. On Friday, October 27, at 7 p.m. enjoy a variety of music from some of the finest brass players around!

**We Are Collecting: For Good Neighbors:** tea bags, canned corn, baked beans, canned fruit, ramen noodles, jelly, baby wipes and baby diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). **For Blessing Box:** We're running low and could use canned or boxed goods, ramen noodles, personal hygiene items etc. **For Children's Christmas Items:** play dough, markers, and coloring books.

**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 Friday, November 3.

Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In memory or honor of (circle one)

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**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Rachel (Nick) Soboslay & family on the death of her father, Jim Timonere on 9/25.

Marilyn Cochran & family on the death of her husband, member Carl Cochran on 9/24.