

October 17, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: The world says that the greatest among us are those with social status, power and prestige, who are served by others.

People: Jesus said the greatest among us are those of humble heart who willingly serve others.

Pastor: The world says to be successful we should put our self-interest first and step over others as we climb our way to the top.

People: Jesus said that in God's kingdom being successful entails putting our self-interest aside to assist those below us and lift them up.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord, who measures a successful life by the amount of service and love it produces.

#HYMN No. #456 God of the Fertile Fields

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Lord Jesus, like your first disciples we are also slow to learn what true greatness is, and how necessary it is to serve others if we want to faithfully follow you. The voices of our culture and society are loud and distracting, and they command our attention. And we confess that we are attracted to the message it tells us, how we are deserving of every comfort and pleasure the world has to give. Dear Lord, as we open ourselves to you in worship this morning, give us the humility to acknowledge the times when we have given in and made our life's priorities all about us. Convict and correct us so that we may become more like you in will, in heart, and in service. We ask these things in your name, dear Savior, as we lift up the prayer you taught us to pray, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 53:1-9 and Mark 10:35-45 (Bible pages?)

SERMON MESSAGE: Greatness Through Service Rev. Gagnon

#HYMN No. #463 Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
Organ Response

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)

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.

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Holy God, thank you for sending us Jesus your Son, who showed us the true meaning of greatness when he came not to be served, but to serve and to save. Because we are Christ's followers, we want to give our best to you as a loving and sacrificial act of service to the despairing, the destitute, and the disenfranchised. Receive, bless and use these offerings to that end, we ask in the name of our Savior. Amen.

#HYMN No. #333 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Strive for excellence as you walk the path Jesus walked, and do your best to follow him faithfully.

People: We will seek greatness by supporting the weak and caring for the least of these, our sisters and brothers.

Pastor: Go out into the world and find ways to humbly serve your neighbor, so you may participate in the building up of God's realm on earth.

People: May the Holy Spirit give us the courage and endurance we need to walk, work and witness as faithful disciples of Christ.

Pastor: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE