

October 24, 2021

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: In the midst of hunger and war, we listen for God to speak of plenty and peace.

People: In the midst of oppression and tyranny, we listen for God to speak of liberation and freedom.

Pastor: In the midst of hatred and death, we listen for God to speak of the promise of love and new life.

People: In the midst of sin and decay, we listen for God to speak of the hope of salvation and renewal.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

#HYMN No. #500 O for a World

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Almighty God, in this broken and corrupted world, it is not easy to be advocates for justice and righteousness. To do so is to risk being criticized, or humiliated, or attacked by others with sharp tongues that cut deeply or hurtful weapons that injure and kill. We ask for your help. Come to us now during this worship service and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may dare to do, not what we want, but what is right. With your guidance, help us to not hesitate when we can help make better the lives of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable. Take away our timidity and reluctance, dear Lord, and prepare us to enter the unknown future, sustained by your power and our faith; and give us the words to prophecy on your behalf so people will know you are still speaking, even today. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray like this, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 10:46-52 and Amos 3:1-12 (Bible pages)

SERMON MESSAGE: Speak Up for God Rev. Gagnon

#HYMN No. #504 God of Justice, God of Mercy

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):

Compassionate God, we pray to you on behalf of those who are in need and crying out to be heard and helped. And along with our prayers we also offer our money, talent, and lives so your words of righteousness and justice can continue through us. Enable these gifts to become tangible expressions of Christ's love in the world, so people can know that you are near them and speaking to them. Amen.

#HYMN No. #502 Community of Christ

BENEDICTION (*Based on Luke 4:18-19*)

Pastor: As you leave, may the Spirit of the Lord be upon you.

People: God has chosen us to share good news with the poor and proclaim liberty to the captives.

Pastor: The Lord calls you to be like Christ by bringing recovery of sight to the blind and setting free the oppressed.

People: We will speak God's word out in the world and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.

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

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE