

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 24, 2021 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | 8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)
(blue and green are hymnal colors)



PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**C: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with shouts of joy.**

L: Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done
great things for them.

**C: The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

+**HYMN #559 (Green)** *O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,2,3)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an
open heart. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)
God, our comforter

C: Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

+ KYRIE pg. 57 (Green)

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 58 (Green) Glory to God...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Eternal Light,

C: shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

ACCLAMATION (pg. 62)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 10

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then 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." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR "Jesus, *Friend of Sinners*" – Matthew West and Mark Hall

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+**HYMN #448(Green)** *Amazing Grace* (vs. 1,2)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ **APOSTLE'S CREED** pg. 65 (Green)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY pg. 75(Green) *Create in me a clean heart...*

+ **THE PRAYERS** pg. 65 (Green) (As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**")

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+**HYMN#776 (Blue)** *Be Thou My Vision* (vs.1,4)

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 119:17-24, Glories of God's Law

Tuesday, Acts 9:32-35, The Healing of Aeneas

Wednesday, Matthew 20:29-34, Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Thursday, John 14:21-27, Jesus' Gift of Peace

Friday, Leviticus 19:32-37, Keeping God's Statutes

Saturday, Romans 3:19-38, Righteousness Through Faith

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

"Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. -Mark 10:52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

- If you had lived in Jesus' time, what about him would have caught your attention and stirred your curiosity?
- Would you be like the bystanders who are annoyed by his begging, or would you help him find his way to Jesus?
- What things might we remain 'blind' to, despite eyes that work correctly?

PRAY: Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESS: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. Amen.