

ORDER OF WORSHIP

20th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Peace and Global Witness Offering

October 6, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

People: **For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to You.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***OPENING PRAYER** Lord, open our eyes that we may see the truth of Your word and the beauty of Your world. Prepare our hearts to wait in this quiet place for Your words to us. In Christ's name, Amen.

***HYMN** No. 361 "*O Christ, the Great Foundation*" AURELIA

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hear us as we cry out in our secret anguish and pain for Your mercy. We torment ourselves for the sins long past rather than acknowledge them before You and ask for forgiveness. We hide our past sins deep in our minds and hope that no one knows.

But You, O God, know the secrets we hold most dear. Forgive us when we hold on to past wrongdoing, allowing it to destroy our happiness and guide our future actions. Forgive us and free us from the guilt so we may serve You with joy in all things.. (Silent prayer) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 439 *“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”* vs. 3 STUTTGART

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;

Like the pity of a father has the Lord’s compassion been.

A TIME FOR YOUTH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION God, place Your word before me in clear language that gives understanding. Help me to love Your words and incorporate them into my life. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 8 (Please read responsively)

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have founded a bulwark because of Your foes, to silence the enemy and avenger.

Leader: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars that You have established; what are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?.

People: Yet You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under their feet,

People: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

Leader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Hebrews 1:1-4 and 2:5-12 (Pew Bible, pages 218-219)

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

1Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, **2**but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. **3**He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint

of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:2-16 (Pew Bible, page 46)

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²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to

them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

***HYMN No. 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD**

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE: Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father” GLORIA PATRI**

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, amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE: Hymn No. 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

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 THANKSGIVING

It is with thankful hearts we acknowledge Your many gifts. While people around the world are homeless or lack food, water, healthcare, we have more than we need. Make us constantly grateful and willing to share Your bounty with others. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 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, forever. Amen

*** HYMN No. 306 “*Blest be the Tie That Binds*” DENNIS**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 43 “*You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*” ON EAGLE’S WING

**And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.”**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Please join us for Refreshments
in the Opportunity Corner Following the Worship Service

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, they are available on the counter in the sanctuary kitchen.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study/Video

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Alice Anne has a good friend, Jeremy, who is in the hospital and needs our prayers

Makia and Mireille's niece is looking for a job in this area

Steve Perry has an infection on his leg

Cori's mom is looking for a new job

Travel mercies for Cecil and Pat

Continued prayers for Joan and Bill and Lori as a caretaker

Travel mercies for Eric Bartels as he travels back to Nigeria, and prayers for him and team as they work on a very exciting project

Gayle who is a friend of Lorrinda's lost her husband, prayers for her and her family

Everyone on the East Coast affected by the hurricane

CELEBRATIONS

Jewell's visa was approved, she and Gene will be here October 21st

Pat is happy to be home