

PENTECOST 22 SUNDAY, SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

October 24, 2021

Organ Prelude: Arioso

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

When Bartimaeus 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." (Mark 10:47-49)

There are times when we feel pushed to the outside and told to stay silent.

Called by Christ, we gather to share in our struggles, to be reminded that we are not alone but in Christ together.

There are times when we overlook those around us, seeing them not as nuanced persons with their own stories and struggles, but as voices that should be silenced.

We come to experience a different kind of welcome: one where we see one another more deeply and honestly. We come to build relationships. We come to transform our hearts and respond to one another in love.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

No. 374

1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease—

'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy.

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Baptism of Golaleh Molanaie

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: A Stranger, knocking on a door words Brian Wren; trad. English carol tune

Scripture Readings: Mark 10:46-52; 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Mark 10:46-52

46 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. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 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." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 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." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Corinthians 1:3-11

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 4 who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 6 If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation;

if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

8 We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, 11 as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

SEEING EACH OTHER

Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: Bridge over troubled water

Paul Simon

Soloist Shaun Alphonso

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: Help us accept each other

No. 632

1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

3. Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all— not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

4. Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Thank you to Rev. Rebecca and Dr. Harris, our musicians, Bruce Nasmith, Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Shaun Alphonso, and Jim Nasmith, and Kome Abel for operating the sanctuary camera.

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