

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements Pastor Brenda

Interlude

☩ **Call to Worship** Liturgist

One: Shine like stars in the world.

ALL: We hold fast to the word of life.

One: The Word of God is living and active.

ALL: It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

One: Lift your hearts to the Lord.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

☩ **Opening Song** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” #20

☩ **Prayer of Confession** Liturgist

ALL: O God, the Father of Lights, with whom is no shadow of turning; look with mercy upon us, your sinful and wayward children; and direct the eyes of our faith to you, that we may receive a heavenly illumination through your Word and Spirit; and walk securely amid the shadows of this mortal life. Pardon our sin, and give us such a vision of the truth in Jesus that darkness may be driven from our hearts, through Him we pray. Amen.

☩ **Assurance of Forgiveness** Liturgist

One: "Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

ALL: O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions."

One: Friends, believe the Good news of the Gospel –

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!

☩ **Gloria Patri** “Glory Be to the Father”

☩ *Indicates where those who are able may stand.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist

ALL: Gracious God, you are glorious in your being and yet still approachable. Your great love and mercy, your tender and compassionate heart toward all you have made, shines upon us this day. We stand here quietly in this place where we choose to worship you -- and we are in awe at the privilege. We recognize the radiance of your presence which is beyond description. You are real and you are in this place accepting our worship. How grateful we are, O King, that you knew all along how much we would need each other in this company of believers to fulfill the purposes for which you created us. Give us grateful hearts today through your Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Mark 10:35-45 Liturgist

One: This is the Word of The Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading Job 38:1-7 Pastor Brenda

One: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord.

ALL: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection “God Rules” Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith “Redemption” see bulletin insert

☩ **Responsive Hymn** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” #804

Offering with Offertory

☪ Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

☪ Prayer of Dedication Pastor Brenda
ALL: Dearest Lord, teach us to be generous. Teach us to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to feel the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to seek reward. You have given so much to us. Give one thing more: a grateful heart. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

☪ Closing Hymn “I Have a Song that Jesus Gave Me” #514

☪ Benediction Pastor Brenda

☪ Response “Go With Us, Lord” #748

Postlude Patricia Hart



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**KEEP
CALM
AND
FOLLOW
GOD'S RULES**

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

10:30am Worship Service

Affirmation of Faith

“Redemption”

#660 in red hymnal

One: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

ALL: But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

One: This righteousness in God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference.

ALL: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

One: God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. He did this to demonstrate His justice, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished -

ALL: He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies the man who has faith in Jesus.

One: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

ALL: For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance - now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

One: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down for you from your forefathers;

ALL: But with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

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