



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021 @10:30 am

Liturgist: Suzanne Holton

Special Music: The Handbell Choir

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Hymns

Organ Prelude *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* Pachelbel

Welcome

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: What does the Lord require of us?

**People: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

**People: Let us worship God with all we are,
heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

Hymn God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING
Glory to God Hymnal #716

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

***Opening Prayer**

First Reading Psalm 146

- ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Music Meditation *Old Time Gospel Medley* Sandra R. Wagner

Children's Moment

Following the Children's Moment, the children, aged 3 to 2nd grade will be dismissed to Worship & Wonder which will take place outside.

In inclement weather, you can find us in Room 110/111.

Worship bag supplies, including sermon notes for the kids, are available on the worship cart in the narthex.

Gospel Reading Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33 and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

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 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.**

“Pray for one another”

To encourage all of us to pray for each other, we list here some members and families each week ...

Debbie Branscomb; Richard & Karen Brooks; Dick & Kathy Brown; Don & Karen Brown, Andrew, Sarah, Meredith; Nan Brown; Ryan & Ellette Burke; Chris & Semmes Calvert, Colin, Leslie, Ian; Ron & Nancy Campbell; Dave & Helen Challenger; Ken Cheslack.

Offering

Making our Commitments:

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***Closing Hymn**

We Give Thee but Thine Own
Glory to God Hymnal #708

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We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

Benediction

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Organ Response

"For All The Saints" (Sine Nomine)

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