

21st Sunday after Pentecost – October 17th, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship (Unison; Episcopal)

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Hymn*

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

UMH 75

Opening Prayer* (Unison; Episcopal)

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to kindness and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn*

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UMH 540

Affirmation of Faith (Unison; The United Church of Canada)

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created, and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our guide and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor...

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

Hymn*O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

UMH 430

Sermon

“The Request of James and John”

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Music**Communion & The Lord’s Prayer****Hymn****When the Poor Ones*

UMH 434

Benediction**A New Sermon Series: “Mark Time!”**

October 17 – The Request of James and John – MK 10:35-45

October 24 – Healing of Blind Bartimaeus – MK 10:46-52

October 31 – The Two Greatest Commandments – MK 12:28-34

November 7 – The Widow’s Mite – MK 12: 38-44

November 14 – Destruction of the Temple Foretold – MK 13:1-8

Continuing Prayers

Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Pat Grahe, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Emmanuel Kai, Lynn King, Tim Knabe, Carol Lingelbach, Ted Lingelbach, Dick Moen, Sally Moen, Alice Paradise, Jack Potter, Pat Potter, Shirley Renshaw, Annie Stearn, Ron Stearn, Mike Wolf, Shirley Yantz

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Val Walker and her family on the passing of her mother, Jackie Waltemeyer.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why! The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love thy kingdom Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand dear
as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
to sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Beyond my highest joy I praise her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

When the Poor Ones

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

**Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
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When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us, **Refrain.**

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better, **Refrain.**

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, **Refrain.**