

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## October 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

## Gathering Around the Word

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### **Call to Worship**

One: Christ calls us:

**All: Not to power, but to servanthood**

One: Christ calls us:

**All: Not to shun, but to include**

One: Christ calls us:

**All: Not to hoard, but to give**

One: Jesus Christ calls us:

**All: Not to deny him, but to proclaim him**

One: Christ calls us to come and follow him.

**All: Here, we come together and worship the Lord.**

**Hymn 23**      *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets (all)*

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### **Call to Confession**

*from Isaiah 53:6*

Like sheep we all have gone astray, but like a faithful, loving shepherd God seeks us out and calls us home. Assured of our place in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

### **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

*from Mark 10:35–37; Hebrews 5:2*

**Merciful God, we confess that**

**we want reward without sacrifice.**

**We want you to do whatever we ask,**

**but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us.**

**We want to sit beside you in your glory,**

**but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering.**

**We want to be first in your kingdom,**

**but we are reluctant to serve the least.**

**Forgive our pride, gracious God.**

**Correct our foolish ways**

**and teach us to know you through serving.**

**Guide us to be followers of your way,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

*from Psalm 91:14–16*

Hear the promise of the Lord: Those who love me, I will deliver. When you call me, I will answer. I will rescue you from danger and show you my salvation. Beloved of God, hear and believe this good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

## Response

*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.*

# Listening to the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

O God, your word gives us counsel for our understanding. Open our hearts, minds, and ears to enable us to receive it today. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading            Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>It was certainly our sickness that he carried,  
and our sufferings that he bore,  
but we thought him afflicted,  
struck down by God and tormented.

<sup>5</sup>He was pierced because of our rebellions  
and crushed because of our crimes.  
He bore the punishment that made us whole;  
by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>Like sheep we had all wandered away,  
each going its own way,  
but the LORD let fall on him all our crimes.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and tormented,  
but didn't open his mouth.

Like a lamb being brought to slaughter,  
like a ewe silent before her shearers,  
he didn't open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>Due to an unjust ruling he was taken away,  
and his fate—who will think about it?  
He was eliminated from the land of the living,  
struck dead because of my people's rebellion.

<sup>9</sup>His grave was among the wicked,  
his tomb with evildoers,  
though he had done no violence,  
and had spoken nothing false.

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD wanted to crush him  
and to make him suffer.

If his life is offered as restitution,  
he will see his offspring; he will enjoy long life.

The LORD's plans will come to fruition through him.

<sup>11</sup> After his deep anguish he will see light, and he will be satisfied.

Through his knowledge, the righteous one, my servant,  
will make many righteous,  
and will bear their guilt.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I will give him a share with the great,  
and he will divide the spoil with the strong,  
in return for exposing his life to death  
and being numbered with rebels,  
though he carried the sin of many  
and pleaded on behalf of those who rebelled.

## **Sharing Faith with the Younger Church**

### **Second Reading**            Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup> James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

<sup>36</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

<sup>39</sup> "We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. <sup>43</sup> But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. <sup>44</sup> Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, <sup>45</sup> for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

Sermon

# Responding to the Word

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**Hymn 664**

*Morning Has Broke (all)*

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**Affirmation of Faith**

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**Sharing our Prayers**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving Back to God's Kingdom**

**The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Charge & Benediction**

**Blessing**

**Postlude**