

Proper 25 – October 24, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

Prelude "Trumpet Tune in D" by David N. Johnson

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Requests

Introit "God Welcomes All"

Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.

People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #16 "O That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Ribbon

1 O that I had a thousand voices
to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be,
what great things God has done for me!

2 Let every power in me implanted,
arise, keep silence now no more;
put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore!
O soul and body, join to raise
with heartfelt joy our Maker's praise!

3 You forest leaves so green and tender
that dance for joy in summer air;
you meadow grasses, bright and slender;
you flowers so fragrant and so fair:
you live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make God's glory known!

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
that throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
come, share with me my heart's devotion;
help me to sing God's praises high!

My utmost powers can never quite
declare the wonders of God's might!

Prayer of Confession

Gross

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

Ribbon

Passing of the Peace

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gross

The First Reading--Psalm 126 (CEB)

Notepad

1 When the Lord changed Zion's circumstances for the better,
it was like we had been dreaming.
2 Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter;
our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.
It was even said, at that time, among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them!"
3 Yes, the Lord has done great things for us,
and we are overjoyed.
4 Lord, change our circumstances for the better,
like dry streams in the desert waste!
5 Let those who plant with tears
reap the harvest with joyful shouts.
6 Let those who go out,
crying and carrying their seed,
come home with joyful shouts,
carrying bales of grain!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk With Children

Erin Wise

Hymn #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

The Gospel Reading—Mark 10:46-52 (CEB)

Notepad

46 Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. 47 When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!” 48 Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, show me mercy!”

49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him forward.”

They called the blind man, “Be encouraged! Get up! He’s calling you.”

50 Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

51 Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said, “Teacher, I want to see.”

52 Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.” At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Upside-Down Kingdom-Where the Blind See

Notepad

Hymn #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Ribbon

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,

everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Notepad

Offertory

"I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills" by Cathy & David Moglebust

*Hymn #606

"The Doxology"

Ribbon

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Cross

*Hymn #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Ribbon

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,

God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“He Who Would Suffer God to Guide Him” by J. S. Bach

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