

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: There are people in the world whose faith and willingness to give God all they have amazes us.

People: They are like human mirrors, reflecting back to us what our lives could look like if they were completely devoted to the Lord.

Pastor: In the reflection of their lives we see areas in our spiritual lives that we can make stronger, and ways to deepen our dedication to the ministry of Christ.

People: May this service help us open our eyes to those who follow Jesus faithfully so we might emulate their lives in our own efforts to be faithful to Christ.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

#HYMN #25 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Merciful and Mighty God, in the morning when we look at ourselves in the mirror, it is usually to spot things that need to be improved. Our reflection guides us as we shave, brush our hair, or apply make-up. When we encounter a person who is devoted to you and loves you enough to give you everything they have, it is like gazing into a human mirror, and the reflection causes us to see things about our lives as Christians that need improvement. We do not always like what we see in that mirror, dear Lord. It can be painful to observe the condition of our souls in an honest, forthright way. So we ask you to bless us with your loving presence and reassure us of your grace and mercy when the reflection staring back at us is not the one we would like to see. Grant us the strength and willpower to change ourselves for the better, so that we might grow in faithfulness and Christian love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray like this, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 9:24-28 and Mark 12:38-44 (page numbers)

MESSAGE Reflections in a Human Mirror Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
 Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
 Organ Response

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation
 Offertory Music
 # Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)

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

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

The smallest offering, sacrificially given, is pleasing to you, dear God. And two small copper coins can be a more sacrificial gift than thousands of dollars when it is all the giver has. Although our gifts to you this morning are not everything we have to live on, they are tangible expressions of our loving devotion to you. Bless what we have brought, dear Lord, to help our church meet the needs of the hungry and weary in soul and body. Through our treasure, time and talent, may wonderful things be accomplished for the least of your children so that your name may be glorified and honored. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

#Hymn of Preparation #311 Let Us Break Bread Together

Words of Institution and Great Thanksgiving

Receiving of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Gratitude (Unison)

Thank you, dear Christ, for inviting us to partake of this holy meal and allowing us to experience your presence through the bread and the cup. Our souls have been nourished, our faith has been refreshed, and our memories of your life and ministry have been reawakened by this Communion celebration. Now we leave the sacred table with a stronger faith in you and a deeper love for one another; and more than ever we will strive to be your faithful followers so others may emulate our lives. Amen.

#HYMN #353 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BENEDICTION

Pastor: When you leave this house of worship, look closely at the faithful people you encounter. Something can be learned from their deep devotion.

People: They are human mirrors in which we see reflected back at us the kind of life God desires us to live.

Pastor: May the Lord strengthen your faith as you go forth to minister to others in Jesus' name.

People: May the Holy Spirit inspire our words and empower our deeds so we can carry the Good News of God's love out into the world.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE