

October 13, 2024
10:30 a.m. | Chapel
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus is the Light of the World!

Prelude

Lord of the Dance
The Carillon Handbell Choir

Sydney Carter / Arr. by Jason W. Krug

Welcome and Announcements

*As the Friendship Folder is passed in your pew, please record your attendance in worship today.
For our guests, please enter your name and contact information so we may welcome you.*

Did You Know? *Time and Talent Survey*

Stewardship

✦ Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Psalm 22 selected verses

Betsy McDaniel

"Commit your cause to the LORD; let God deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

✦ Opening Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

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✦ Please stand in body or in spirit.

Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Being Renewed in Grace

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4

Rev. Rachel Mulgrave

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, **we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

✦ Assurance of Pardon

from 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Children of God, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✦ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Anthem

Guide My Feet

Arr. by Hal H. Hopson

The Chancel Choir

Choir: Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me, while I run this race, stand by me, while I run this race,
Stand by me, while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Guide my feet, Oh Lord, guide my feet.

Guide my feet, Oh Lord, guide my feet.

**All (sing twice): Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

Choir: Lord, I don't want to run this race in vain, so guide my feet.

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Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Betsy McDaniel

As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of your Word and inspire others to follow your path of righteousness.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

Rev. George Tatro

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing the Children

Children are invited to come forward at this time for a blessing before going to children's worship in the narthex.

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Sermon

Baby You're a Rich Man

Rev. George Tatro

Responding to the Word

Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus. (Refrain)

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

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✠ **Affirmation of Faith** (*in unison*)

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Rachel Mulgrave

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Invitation

based on 2 Corinthians 9:12

When the Apostle Paul called for Gentile Christians to contribute to the offering for the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, he reminded them, “for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” Mindful of and grateful for the many blessings we have received from God, let us give generously that we may supply the needs of the saints and overflow with thanksgivings to God.

Offertory

Above All

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc
Arranged by Phillip Keveren

✦Doxology *(all singing)*

**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

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. Amen.

Prayers of the People *and* The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Rachel Mulgrave

Good and gracious God, thank you for the many blessings and gifts you have given us, especially the gift of grace in Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we hoard what you have given us because we are worried we won’t have enough. Help us trust in your promise of eternal life here and now, that we may live obedient, joyful, and faithful lives as your children in your kingdom.

Heavenly Father, we are grateful that Jesus looks at us in love as he calls us to follow him. Give us the courage to heed his call and to go where he leads us. Help us embrace the new life he offers, where the last shall be first and the greatest will be a servant to all, even as Christ came to serve us in love.

Almighty God, in a world where there is great need, free us from our attachment to the many things that occupy us and demand our loyalties. Give us grateful hearts and willing spirits so that our lives and actions reflect the self-giving love of our Savior Jesus Christ. May we trust Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, enough to follow him in your kingdom.

Divine Creator, we pray for our church, community, and the world saying:

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

✠ **Sending Hymn 749**

Come, Live in the Light! (We Are Called)

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God. (Refrain)**

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and violence will be no more. (Refrain)**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain)**

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✠ **Charge and Blessing**

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

✠ **Postlude**

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach

The ushers this morning are Larry Brown and Barry Lucas.

The greeter this morning is Alice Ann Nilsen.

The Stephen Minister this morning is Gail Steyer.

The Worship Leaders this morning are:

Rev. George Tatro, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rachel Mulgrave, Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship

Heidi Chinnock, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Amy Noel Welch, Collaborative Pianist

Steve Navarro, guitarist

Marilyn Davis, Liturgist

Upcoming Events at JCPC

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2024-2025 Open Enrollment for Preschool is underway | jcpcusa.org/preschool

Text/E-mail Scam Alert

Please be aware that none of the church staff will ask you for money or gift cards.
If you receive this message from anyone, please delete it and do not act upon it.



JCPC LUNCH BUNCH | MANGIA RISTORANTE

October 20, 2024 | 12:00 Noon
5354 McGinnis Ferry Rd. | Alpharetta, Ga. 30005

Women's Mission Day Trip Amani Women's Center in Clarkston, GA

October 23, 2024
Depart 9:15 a.m. | Return 2:00 p.m.
Transportation via JCPC Church Bus | 15 seats available
Contact Alice Ann Nilsen
aalegato@aol.com or 497-221-8713
Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center

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Honey 678-575-7471 for info.



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Dawn Melin, Mission Ministry Team
Zach Myers, Connecting Ministry Team
Rich Shuler, Stewardship Ministry Team
Tom Traylor, Clerk of Session and Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

Class of 2025

Roy Davey, Worship Ministry Team
Marilyn Davis, Worship Ministry Team
Debi Doverspike, Mission Ministry Team
Vivek Furtado, Youth Ministry Team

Class of 2026

Craig Cunningham, Youth Ministry Team
John Gutekunst, Education Ministry Team
Alice Ann Nilsen, Caring Ministry Team
Jim Pope, Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

Name Tags for Sundays

Please check on the round table in the Welcome Center for your name tag either before Sunday School or Worship. They will be in alphabetical order. If you don't have one, there are adhesive name tags you can use. There will be a clipboard with a list where you can add your name, and a name tag will be available for you the following Sunday. Please return your name tags to the table before leaving the church today.

Special note about our cameras

Welcome to worship! For many years, JCPC has recorded its worship services for those who are homebound or absent from worship. We are now able to Livestream the service from the worship hour. The worship leaders and the first few rows of the worship space are visible in these videos. The back rows are not visible in the Livestream or recording. Thank you for being with us this morning, and we hope you'll watch online when you can't be with us in person.

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