

Sunday, October 13, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS: In Jesus' time, it was the widows, children, and "beggars" who were overlooked by society, and they were the ones he noticed. Who do we need to remember to notice today?

PRELUDE — Betsy Foushee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin**

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #145 "Morning Has Broken"

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe:
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all — not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.

3. Let your acceptance change us so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice, and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

***CALL TO WORSHIP — Bonnie Clark**

One: Jesus is on our side!

Many: Come and rejoice.

One: Are you suffering?

Many: Come and find peace.

One: Are you joyful?

Many: Come and sing.

One: Do you need healing?

Many: Come and pray.

One: Jesus is on our side!

All: Let all who love the Lord come and rejoice!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sharon Goldade

HYMN

UMH #560 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us

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SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:13-16, 31 — Bonnie Clark

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

MESSAGE

"And I Notice You"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #364 "Because He Lives"

1. God sent his son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

REFRAIN

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because he lives!

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because he lives! **REFRAIN**

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives! **REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Betsy Foushee

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Bonnie Clark**

All: Lord God, you have given so much out of your love for us that it is impossible to match your generosity. Here is but a small portion of the many blessings we have received, a token of our love for you. We commit this financial offering to you and ask that you bless those who provided it and those who will benefit from it. As you have lavished your love on us, help us in turn offer that love to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #251 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

REFRAIN: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ was born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy light. REFRAIN

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. REFRAIN

3. Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation that blessed Christmas morn. REFRAIN

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Scott Anderson

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Prelude/Postlude—Scott Anderson	Accomp.—Betsy Foushee	Offertory—Betsy Foushee
Song Leader—Bonnie Clark	Special Music — Hymn	Organ — ScottAnderson
Liturgist — Bonnie Clark.	Children's Message— Sharon Goldade	Violin — Rae Ann Norell