

Sunday, October 20, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS: James and John ask a favor of Jesus: "Give us what we ask." Are they, in asking to be promoted, being brazen or brave?

PRELUDE — Anneke Toomey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

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

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #64 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity.

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore the,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Lord, sometimes we want to be great and receive the praise of success.

Many: You alone, O God, are worthy to be praised.

One: Lord, sometimes we want to receive special attention and privilege for what we've done.

Many: You alone, O God, are the creator of heaven and earth.

One: Lord, sometimes we want recognition and credit for our generosity.

Many: You alone, O God, are the giver of all good gifts.

One: Lord, what we really need is to put away pride and put on humility.

Many: You alone, O God, are all we need.

All: Hear us, O God; you are all we need.

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — Maragaret Regnier and Betsy Foushee “All Because of Mercy” by Casting Crowns

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:35-45 — Suzanne Gallagher

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

MESSAGE

“Give Us What We Ask”

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #530 “Are Ye Able”

1. “Are ye able,” said the master, “to be crucified with me?”

“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “To the death we follow thee.”

REFRAIN: Lord we are able! Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2. Are ye able to remember when a thief lifts up his eyes,
That his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise? **REFRAIN**

3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,
To believe the spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God? **REFRAIN**

4. "Are ye able?" still the master whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer now, as then, in Galilee. **REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

All: God of mercy and grace, as we offer these gifts to you, we confess that we have tried to offer gifts with strings attached; we have mimicked generosity in the hope that you might do whatever we ask. We have envisioned ourselves at the head of the table, instead of desiring to be servants of God. May these gifts be used as instruments of your compassion, but more than these, may our lives be the tools you use to make your love real in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin [are there any joys or concerns today?]

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** TFWs #2130 "The Summons" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Will you come and follow if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hid if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus, I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke Toomey
Offertory—Anneke Toomey
Song Leader— Scott Anderson
Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher
Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Accompanist — Betsy Foushee
Special Music — Margaret Regnier
Organ on hymns — Betsy Foushee ?
Children’s Message— Lin