

*The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Remembering the world that God so loves, we pray to the Maker of heaven and earth, saying:  
Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven...**

Sovereign God, keep us watching and working for the promise of your heavenly realm,  
until all the earth rejoices at your coming in glory; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven ... debts/debtors ... Amen.*

**MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE**

Amen (Paviechko)

Worship Ensemble

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

**\*Doxology #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*To you, O God, we offer our lives— our abundance, our poverty,  
all that we have, all that we are— a sign of our great thanksgiving  
for the treasure of your grace.  
Take and use us for good in the world that you so love;  
we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

— Sending —

**\*HYMN #773**

We Are All One in Mission

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come—  
first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega— be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**  
Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength,  
and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

Allegro (Kleine) by Haydn

Joshua Allen

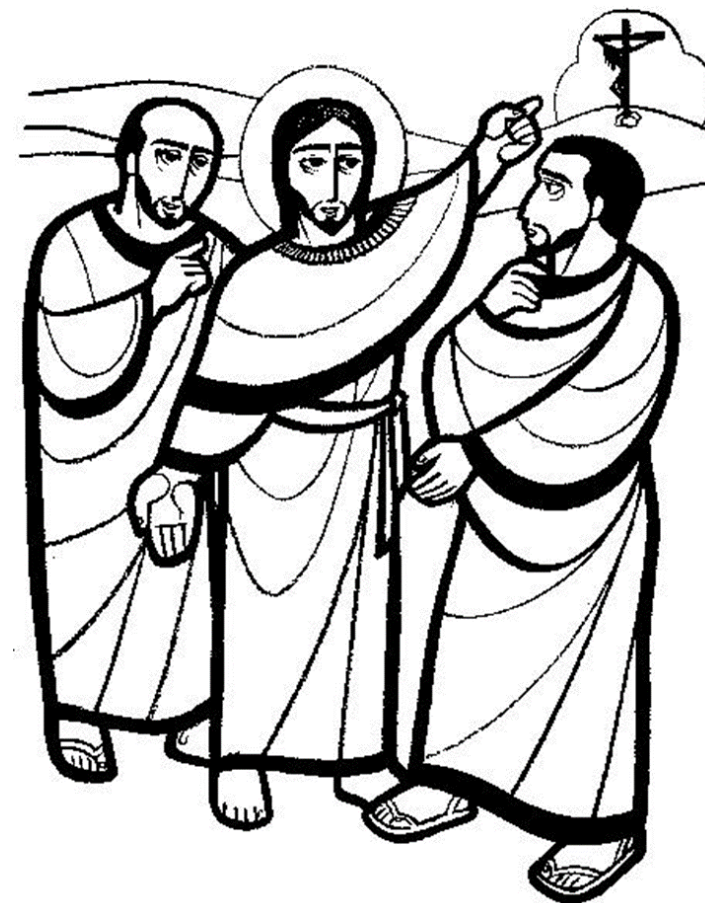


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*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



*21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 17, 2021  
Service for the Lord's Day*

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

— *Gathering* —

From a Distance

Stefen Kane and Joshua Allen

Rev. Michele Goff

Worship Ensemble

Liturgist: River Evers

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

Open the Eyes of My Heart

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God,

*who stretched the heavens like a tent  
and set the earth on its foundations.*

We gather to worship God,

*who rides the winds like a chariot  
and wears light as a garment.*

We gather to worship God,

*who suffered for the sake of our lives  
and offers us life abundant.*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #410

God is Calling Through the Whisper

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, together:

*O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,*

*but we remain silent in the presence of evil.*

*You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,*

*but we are content to live in separation.*

*You call us to seek the good of all,*

*but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.*

*You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,*

*but we sit idly by,*

*endangering the lives of people far and near.*

*Forgive us, O Lord.*

*Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,*

*and give us the courage and strength*

*to be reconciled to others;*

*through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God.*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:4-12

Bible p. 643

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM READING

Psalm 91:9-16

Bible p. 518-519

Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Bible p. 44

Hear the word of God for us.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

After Jerusalem

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— *Response* —

SONG OF RESPONSE Love Each Other (All the Room Was Hushed and Stilled) Joshua Allen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

*The life, death, resurrection,*

*and promised coming of Jesus Christ*

*has set the pattern for the church's mission.*

*His human life involves the church*

*in the common life of all people.*

*His service to men and women*

*commits the church*

*to work for every form of human well-being.*

*His suffering makes the church sensitive*

*to all human suffering*

*so that it sees the face of Christ*

*in the faces of persons in every kind of need.*

*His crucifixion discloses to the church*

*God's judgment on the inhumanity*

*that marks human relations,*

*and the awful consequences*

*of the church's own complicity in injustice.*

*In the power of the risen Christ*

*and the hope of his coming,*

*the church sees the promise*

*of God's renewal of human life in society*

*and of God's victory over all wrong.*