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*Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow*

20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 6th, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *AdagioReligioso*

Albert Becker

Kelsey Osburn, violin;

IsabelAurora

Burge DeStafanis, cello

\*Call to Worship

One: With wonder and joy, we gather as one community,

**All: To celebrate God’s grace and grow in love together.**

One: God, soften our hearts and unite us in compassion,

**All: So that we may embrace and share hope in all we do.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** 2221 *In Unity We Lift Our Song*

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1. In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration, for brothers brave and sisters strong.  What cause for celebration!

For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress, who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night,

the blessed congregation.

2. For stories told and told again to every generation, to give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation. Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive, when we are far from home and evil seasons come;

how firm is our foundation.

3. For sacred scriptures handed down,

a blessed trust and treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone  and make us weep with pleasure. And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind, we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill with hope beyond all measure.

4. For God our way, our bread, our rest,

of all these gifts the Giver. Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.

Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away, when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,

and we shall sing forever.

Opening Prayer

**Loving God,** **we come together in awe of your grace and boundless love.  Move our hearts and guide us to grow in compassion and hope.  May our worship today inspire us to carry your love into the world.  
Amen**.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 26

Vindicate me, O Lord,  
    for I have walked in my integrity,  
    and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.  
**Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
    test my heart and mind.**For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
    and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**I do not sit with the worthless,  
    nor do I consort with hypocrites;**I hate the company of evildoers  
    and will not sit with the wicked.

**I wash my hands in innocence  
    and go around your altar, O Lord,**  
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
    and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
    and the place where your glory abides.**Do not sweep me away with sinners  
    nor my life with the bloodthirsty,  
**those in whose hands are evil devices  
    and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

But as for me, I walk in my integrity;  
    redeem me and be gracious to me.  
**My foot stands on level ground;  
    in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

**Children’s Moment**

**Music of Preparation** *Welcome Table*

by Joel Raney

Isabel AuroraBurges-DeStafanis, cello

The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:2-16

Sermon Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow: True Love

Pastor Beth

Musical Response

\*The Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Arioso* Bach/Isaac

Isabel Aurora Burges-DeStafanis, cello

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Communion

The Lord be with you

And Also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You shaped us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into us, forming humanity in your image. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from our slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered together and on these gifts of food and drink. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his love.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. Amen!

**\*Communion Hymn** 630 *Become to Us the*

*Living Bread*

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1. Become to us the living bread

by which the Christian life is fed,

renewed and greatly comforted:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Become the never-failing wine,

the spring of joy that shall incline

our hearts to bear the covenant sign:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. May Christians all with one accord

unite around the sacred board

to praise your holy name, O Lord:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord’s 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 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** 141 *Children of the*

*Heavenly Father*

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1. Children of the heavenly Father

safely in his bosom gather;

nestling bird nor star in heaven

such a refuge e'er was given.

2. God his own doth tend and nourish;

in his holy courts they flourish;

from all evil things he spares them;

in his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever

from the Lord his children sever;

unto them his grace he showeth,

and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh,

God his children ne'er forsaketh;

his the loving purpose solely

to preserve them pure and holy.

\*Benediction

**Go now in peace,  
to do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.  
May God strengthen you for this good work, today and always. Amen.**

*Based on words by John Wesley*

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