

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

June 6, 2021

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

**On the day I called, you answered me.**

God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Thanks be to God!**

\* HYMN "By the Babylonian Rivers" No. 246

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty of spirit in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Let us continue to worship the Lord through our gifts of talents, tithes, and ourselves.

*The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, [cazpres.org](http://cazpres.org).*

## DOXOLOGY

No. 592

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Eternal God, your son Jesus teaches us to give ourselves to one another in love. Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that they may be used to extend your grace to others for your glory, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN "Seek Ye First" No. 333

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

<sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and

plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup> "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— <sup>30</sup> for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters<sup>a</sup> are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup> And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

**OLD TESTAMENT:** First Samuel 8:4-18

<sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup> and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." <sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, <sup>7</sup> and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> Just as they have done to me,<sup>b</sup> from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

<sup>10</sup> So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup> He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; <sup>12</sup> and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. <sup>15</sup> He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. <sup>16</sup> He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle<sup>b</sup> and donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup> And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

**SERMON** "Be Careful What You Ask For"

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

May the Lord be with you / **and also with you**



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