

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 3, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
**But in the last days God has spoken to us through a Son,
Jesus, the Christ.**

Jesus is the reflection of God's glory; he sustains all things in the world by his Word. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give the only son for our salvation.

Therefore we will proclaim God's name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

* HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 473

CALL TO CONFESSION

In God, we find light for our darkness, and through that light we discover the things that separate us from God. And so we ask God to test our hearts and minds, that we may receive forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You created us to live in community, and still we separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, and there are children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us. Bind all your children together, and shape us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. The Lord will fill our repentant hearts with grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.** May God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

In gratitude for all God has done, we bring our offerings and tithes for the building up of God's kingdom.

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.

* DOXOLOGY No. 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Blessed are you, O Lord. You have given Jesus, your only son, who was made lower than the angels, for our sake. With thanksgiving, we give of what you have provided, that your will may be done in this world. Give us the wisdom and courage to do so. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

* HYMN "I Come with Joy" No. 507

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Long ago, O God, you spoke to our ancestors, but in these last days you have spoken to us through Jesus. Open our hearts and minds to your Word, that we may see your light. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p.204 *NT*

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,^[a] whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. **3** He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains^[a] all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ Now God^[a] did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,^[b]
or mortals, that you care for them?^[c]

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower^[d] than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,^[e]

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God^[f] left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower^[g] than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God^[h] he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God,^[i] for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.^[j] For this reason Jesus^[k] is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,^[l] ¹² saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,^[m]
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p.43 *NT*

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.

SERMON “Receiving the Kingdom”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The body does not consist of one member but many.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing,

where would the sense of smell be?

God arranged the members in the body,

each one of them, as he chose.

If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,”

nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;

if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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**

Lift up your hearts / **we lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks and praise / **it is right to give our**

thanks and praise

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

* **HYMN** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” No. 434

* **BENEDICTION** “Darwall’s 148th” Arr. Hopson

POSTLUDE

Join us after service for coffee and fellowship in the Meeting House. Masks are strongly encouraged.

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