

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 10, 2021

PRELUDE “O My Soul, Rejoice with Gladness” Karg-Elert

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My whole being desires you, like a dry and barren land without water.

Because your love is better than life itself, my lips will give you praise.

I will raise my hands to you in prayer, and praise you with joy.

* **HYMN** “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” No. 483

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord Jesus, because, being full of foolishness, we often sin and have to ask pardon, help us to forgive as we would be forgiven, neither mentioning old offenses committed against us, nor dwelling upon them in thought, nor being influenced by them in heart; but loving each other freely, as you freely love us; for your name's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, you can approach the throne of grace with boldness, and you will receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.** May God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

All that we have — our lives, our possessions — comes from God, to whom we owe everything. Come, then, and give, for Scripture tells us that in giving, we will have treasure in heaven.

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)**

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering, worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.

* **HYMN** “Seek Ye First” No. 333

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Your word, O God, is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. May your Word be for us today a beacon of hope and life-giving judgment. In the name of the Living Word we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 4:12-16 (NRSV) Pew Bible p.206 *NT*

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from

spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested[Ⓜ] as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)

Pew Bible p.43 *NT*

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money[Ⓜ] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is[Ⓜ] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a

camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another,[Ⓜ] "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,[Ⓜ] ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

SERMON "Doing the Impossible"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

* **HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 420

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C" J. S. Bach

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

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shelly Brooks
Ushers: Roseanne Courtade, Diana Markowitz
Bell Ringers: Pugh Family
Flowers: Susie Grills
Coffee Hour: Roseanne Courtade

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