



**Sunday, October 24, 2021
9:00 am Service**

Prelude

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Jesus I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end,
Remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle, if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway, if you will be my guide.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control,
Now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
That where thou art in glory your servant shall be, too.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end,
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

"Kyrie Eleison" is a Greek phrase that means, "Lord, have mercy"

Refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

Opening Prayer

Loving God, give us focus this week on how we can always represent your love and grace to all those we encounter.

Amen.

Reading

1 Samuel 16

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Set out and find Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. Samuel arrived and said I have come to sacrifice to the Lord and he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. Then the anointing of a new king began with Jesse's sons. The Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature... the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." After seven of Jesse's sons had passed, the Lord had not chosen any of them. Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all of your sons here?" Jesse replied, "There remains the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." Samuel said, "Bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He brought him in and he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel anointed him in the presence of his brothers and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

Message

Hymn of the Day

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

1. You have come down to the Lakeshore,
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

Chorus:

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat,
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

2. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary,
a love that's willing to go on loving. (*Chorus*)
3. You, who have fished other waters,
You, the longing of souls that are yearning,
O loving friend, you have come to call me. (*Chorus*)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God, out of nothing you created everything, and you continue to bring new life to all creation. Open our eyes so that we might continue to see the new things that you are doing among us, leading us from darkness to light, from despair to hope, and from death to life.
Amen.

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 and ever.
Amen.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Steams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee, may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be,
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee,
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers this Week:

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