

Order of Service
Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 20, 2024

Prelude

“Lied”

Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

We greet one another with signs and words of peace.

*SONG OF CENTERING

“God Welcomes All”

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for a song titled "God Welcomes All". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music has the lyrics "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The second system of music has the lyrics "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.".

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today, we gather to worship, with all our hopes, weariness, joys, and concerns swirling within us. We gather to worship One who both ascends above our condition and descends to meet us in the midst of them.

Many: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed in honor and majesty.

One: We are humbled and grateful that the Majestic God knows our names and seeks our presence.

Many: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

One: We raise our spirits as one body, strengthening, fortifying and encouraging one another as we honor the Holy One's glorious and precious name.

Many: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

One: Let us pray.....

Magnificent God, you are worthy of our praise, reverence and honor. You come to us and you come for us. Your embrace saves us from the condemnation of this world. Your tangible example leads us on a path to disrupt the systems of oppression that keep your creation from living, life abundantly. Your presence assures us that your covenant is everlasting and true. With thanksgiving and awe, we worship you. Amen.

SONG OF GATHERING
"You Servants of God"

NCH#305

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes a four-part setting of the first verse. The second system continues the first verse. The third system is a four-part setting of the second verse. The fourth system continues the second verse and ends with a double bar line.

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sov - ereign pro - claim,
2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:
and still God is nigh, whose pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.
all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol,
The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
All hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.
still veil - ing their fac - es, they wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fin - ite love.

The liturgist invites the congregation to be seated.

FIRST READING

Liturgist

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Whis this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, “Here we are?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clouds cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Song of Praise”

John Horman

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL

GOSPEL READING

Pastor

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you? And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized: but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

SERMON

"How to be great according to Jesus"

Barb Huitema

The liturgist invites the congregation to rise in body or spirit and sing the next hymn.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

NCH#539

Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Music: 14-77-40, NCH 2167-67

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, we are trav-ers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad-ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav-en we shall find such har-mo-ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.
We are here to help each oth-er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to-gether of Christ's love and ag-o-o-ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR

Our Savior's Prayer

ALL: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PASTOR

Ushers will come forward to receive the offering

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR
OFFERTORY

Doxology

All crea-tures lift your prais-es high! Praise God in earth and sea and sky;

in one great chor-us, all your days. Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Spi-rit praise. A-men.

CHARGE

Liturgist

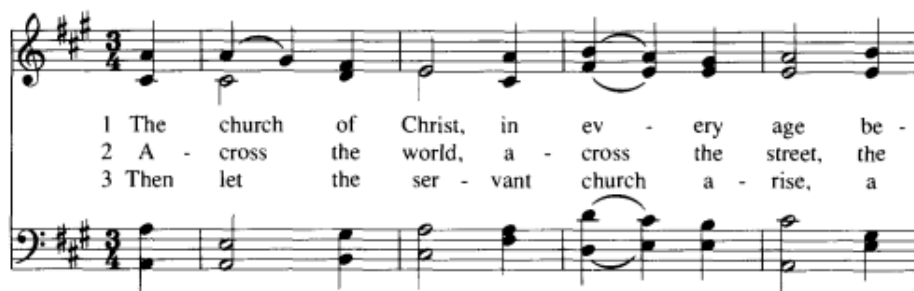
Liturgist: Go out into the world and trust in the faithfulness of God. Speak truth. Sing songs of praise. Embody compassion. Live simply, love recklessly. Transform the world through the power of hope.

PEOPLE: We go in peace to love and serve God in the name of Jesus Christ.

SONG OF PARTING

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

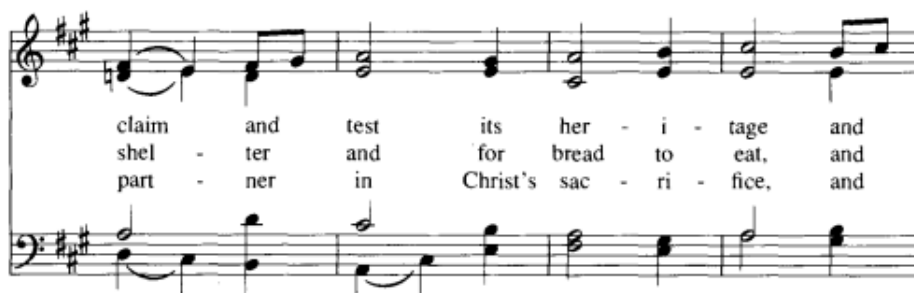
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1 The church of Christ, in ev - ery age be -
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a



set by change, but Spir - it led, Must
 vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry For
 car - ing church that longs to be A



claim and test its her - i - tage and
 shel - ter and for bread to eat, and
 part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and



keep on ris - ing from the dead,
 nev - er live be - fore they die.
 clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Finale from Symphony #3"

Camille Saint-Saens

