

October 13, 2024
21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Were You There?" arr. Strohmman / Schaum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Seek good and not evil; *Amos 5:6, 14-15*
seek the Lord and live!

May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil,
that justice may prevail.

May the Lord our God show us grace.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15;*

that we put ourselves first

and trust in things that will not last.

We desire the evil and scorn the good;

we gather up power and wealth

and push aside the needy in our way.

O Lord, be gracious to us

in spite of our great sin.

Teach us to love your justice

and share in your mercy.

Help us to seek the treasure

of heavenly life with you;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of mercy,

be gracious to us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE Bruce Archer

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith

(United States, 1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 O.T. page 657

Turn from injustice to the poor

PSALM

Psalm 90:12-17

Teach us to number our days

So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?

Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us

and as many years as we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works,

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper the work of our hands, prosper our handiwork.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 4:12-16 N.T. page 172

Approach the throne of grace

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:17-31 N.T. page 36

Teaching on wealth and reward

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven" Choplin

SERMON "Treasure in Heaven" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN: GTG #307** "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

+**CHARGE**

Jesus says: Come, follow me.

Amos 5:6; Mark 10:21

Let us seek the Lord and live!

Amen.

+**BLESSING**

May God, the first and the last,

Mark 10:31

the beginning and the end,

the Alpha and the Omega,

be with you now and forever.

Alleluia!

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "What Does the Lord Require of You?" MOON

POSTLUDE "Mister Cellophane" from Chicago Kander

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Jane Hamelink

Greeters: Abel and Evelyn Tayong

Next Week's Greeters: Dan and Melissa Baker

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by

Mary & Peter Robinson and Sally & Dave Trout

in memory of

Lovicia & R. C. Dart and

Gertrude Dart Smith & Lawrence Smith

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

Beginnings:

About 120 disciples—including the eleven remaining apostles, Mary (Jesus’s mother), and James (Jesus’s brother)—begin worshipping the risen Christ. (*Acts 1:12-15*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 28. What is the second article of the Apostles’ Creed?

“And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. 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.”

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

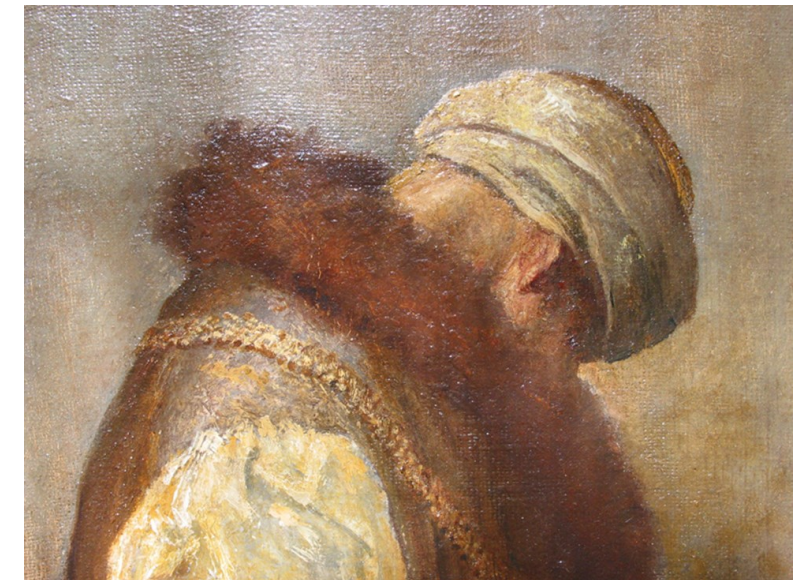
Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Doreen Chapman	Oct. 14
Mary Garland Jackson	Oct. 15
Linda Peterson	Oct. 15
Sam VanDyke	Oct. 17

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actively serving and nurturing one another and our neighbors,
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