

## **Instructions for the Service over Zoom**

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### **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

Please use the chat button to convey your celebrations and your prayer concerns so that we can save them to a file and publish them in the prayer list for the congregation on Monday.

### **Recording this Service**

We will record today's service for members and friends who cannot participate in worship at this hour. We will also post an audio of the reading and homily, as well as a print version, on the [sermons page of the church website](#). The service will be ready for viewing beginning on Monday afternoon and will be available until Saturday evening. The link to view the service will be in the Monday e-mail.

**A reminder to please put your zoom audio setting on mute upon entering the service.**

Thank you!

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 27, 2024 10:00AM**  
**Reverend Elva Merry, Bridge Pastor**  
**David Cavallin, Music Director**

**PRELUDE**

David Cavallin

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Come, let us present ourselves before God. Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

**People: Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers. We find strength for living as we draw near to our Creator.**

Pastor: Lay down your arrogance and false pride. Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

**People: We pour out our souls before the living God. We do not withhold our misery and distress.**

Pastor: The One who has given us life also gives us peace. The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

**People: In God's presence, there is fullness of joy. As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"*

Blue #6

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Eternal God, our Strength and our Shield, every good gift comes from you. All that we have, all that we are, are the gifts of your love. You have surrounded us with your light and your love, with beauty and with friends. You have placed hope in our hearts. As we unite in worship, open our eyes to your desire for us. Where our hearts are hardened, soften them. Where our minds are closed to your truth, open them. Where our feet are slow to follow you, spur us on. Do all of this and more, as you know our need, for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Healer and our Hope, Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you.**

*You are invited to pass the peace in whatever way is comfortable for you and your neighbors. Handshakes, waves, etc.*

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

*"This Is the Day"*

Blue #590

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 10:35-45

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James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

**\*Please rise in body or Spirit**

Jesus replied, “You don’t know what you’re asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said, “You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn’t mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared.”

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that’s not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn’t come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.”

**\*HYMN**

*“You Have Come”*

Black #173

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND SHARING**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

David Cavallin

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Leader: May God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Black #776

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious and loving God, bless these offerings we bring to your altar today. In your hands may they be food for the hungry, healing for the sick, shelter for those in need, and knowledge for those who are seeking. Multiply these gifts and use them to bring the**

word and the touch of Jesus to this place and throughout the world, for we ask it in his name, Amen.

**\*HYMN OF DEPARTURE**

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

Black #286

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

David Cavallin

**\*Please rise in body or Spirit**

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## Questions for Reflection and Sharing

October 27, 2024

Mark 10: 35 - 45

*Background:* Jesus has this conversation with James and John as they are walking to Jerusalem. He has just told the disciples that in Jerusalem he will be handed over to the religious authorities, tried, put to death, and after three days rise again.

1. What do you think the disciples are feeling, hearing this as they walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem?

James and John ask to be seated on either side of Jesus when he comes into his “glory.” They imagine that Jesus is leading them on a march to glory, where he will reign as king.

2. How does Jesus respond to James’ and John’s request?

James and John have expectations about what will happen to Jesus that are different from what actually happened. Can you think of a time when your expectations (of a job, a relationship, or some other experience) were different from what actually happened? How did you react?

3. Why are the other disciples angry with James and John?

4. How does Jesus describe the way rulers usually behave?

5. How does Jesus describe the way he’s calling the disciples to live?

6. How is he calling his followers to live today?