



Sunday Worship
October 10, 2021
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – **bold is spoken by the congregation**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God is at hand.

We want to enter this kingdom.

The mercy of God is made known.

We want to receive this mercy.

The grace of God is abundant for all.

We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love. Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms. We need your compassion as we face the challenges and disappointments of life. When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to you. Remind us of your saving love and keep us close to you, Lord. Love us as only you can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**HYMN* #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters the under his wings, year, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/BROKENESS

Merciful God, we become so enamored of the glitz and glitter of the world. It is as though our lives were lived in "catalog shopping" design. We have so much and want so much more. We listen to the pitches in the media about the latest and best of everything, and rather than striving to serve you more faithfully, we strive to gather more and more possessions. Forgive our crass materialism. Break the bonds and chains of our oppression and enslavement to greed. Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you. Help us to understand the call you have given us to service, and having heard and understood that call, may we be about the work of the kingdom. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20:1-17

20 Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**HYMN #697* Take My Life

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my hear, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As 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?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You 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.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, 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 The First Step in Stewardship – Letting Go and Following God

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven. Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**HYMN #724* O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander down the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator Jason Gordon, Youth Director

Mary Ann Welsh, Treasurer Chris Mitiero, Grounds Keeper

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 10, 2021

Today's Greeter: Terry Holton

Due to the prevalence of the Delta variant, masks are required for those unvaccinated and highly recommended for everyone else.

Wednesday noontime : This Wednesday October 13, 2021. Bring your lunch and if it is a nice day we will sit outside under the tree in the back so bring your chair. If the weather is dreary or too hot/chilly we will meet inside. We hope you can join us.

Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship to resume: On **October 7 at 7:00** all are invited to join on Zoom as we will begin to study some of the parables Jesus shared with his followers. Even if you don't have a computer, join us by phone. The Zoom connection is the same as every Sunday morning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. Bring your Bible and join the group.

Scout Troop 71 Greenery Fundraiser: Once again our Scout troop is selling beautiful holiday wreaths, swags and centerpieces. The funds raised will be used to purchase a new shed and equipment. They are raising funds for a new shed and equipment. Help support our Boy Scouts by going to: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatrop71/products> or contact Nathan or Sam Holton. Orders must be placed by November 7, 2021. Please help support our wonderful Scouts!

Youth Group: Our next get together will be Sunday October 17. We will meet for Fellowship/discussion and then off to a Haunted Hayride. Calling all of our 7th – 12th graders and their friends, join us for a fun evening. You can contact Jason Gordon at forestgroveyouthministry@gamil.com or 215-990-2494 for more information.

Calendar:

October 12 – 10am, Garden Club.

7pm – Property Mtg.

October 13 - 10am Parish Life

October 14 - 7pm – Bible Study Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

October 17 – 10AM- Sunday services in church and on Zoom.

Sunday school

1pm Memorial Service for Barbara McCorkindale

6:30pm Youth Group

SAVE THE DATE: **TRUNK-OR-TREAT – OCTOBER 31 AT 3:00PM** More information in the October Focus.

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Gail Shaffer, John Thiessen, Rebecca Stemplewicz, Rick Wiggins, Becky Schroeder, Linda Bowers