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Worship for Sunday, October 17th, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost, Year B

Assisting with Worship: Thank you for your assistance with the service.

Sunday Worship Service: In person and live broadcast on-line, begins at 10:30am. Pre-registration is not required, but the wearing of masks is mandatory. Covid vaccinations and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Offering is collected as you enter the Sanctuary. The service is taped for later viewing on the Messiah Facebook page and website.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

For all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.



This Week

Today:

Sunday School starts **TODAY** at 11:45, right after Worship Service on Zoom (call Messiah office or Pastor Fran for the link).

Confirmation at 7 pm **TONIGHT** on Zoom.

Wednesday:

Lectionary Bible Study continues at 7 pm either in-person or on Zoom.

Thursday:

Worship Service at Good Shepherd Villas at 2:30 pm.

Next Sunday:

Youth Service with Holy Communion.

We will be celebrating **All Saints Sunday** this year November 14th. If you would like us to remember and name your loved one in the service that day, please call or email the Messiah office.

We are looking for Worship Assistants. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher, or operate power point. Thank you, in advance, for serving in this way!

The book "White Fragility" will be discussed via zoom on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm. There's still time to read the book and join us. Contact the Messiah office for the zoom link. If you are interested in reading a different book after Christmas contact Angeline Hesje (ahesj2@sasktel.net) or the Messiah office. Suggestions of possible books to consider are welcome.

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

Delve deeply into anti-racism work with a 40-day time of learning, reflection, and advocacy!

Each day from Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, November 26 (with the exception of Sundays) there will be a new reflection on anti-racism, as well as activities suitable for adults and children. These activities can be done alone, as a family, or in groups. For every day, during the 40 Days, all of this content will be available as a PDF that you can review, download, or print and distribute! Writers from across the United Church have offered these daily contributions about different kinds of racism in church and in the broader society. Some draw on their personal experiences to share their insights about racial injustices. All invite the reader to explore ways to transform themselves and the denomination.

During the 40 days, there will be different online events where you can gather and engage with the content from that day. Sign up for the newsletter (opens in a new tab) to keep up-to-date with the latest developments! For more information, see <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

EXPLORING OUR SACRED TEXTS:

All are invited to join this online series with Jewish, Christian, and Muslims panellists to discuss the scriptural sources for understanding generosity, hospitality, and compassion. Speakers include: Rabbi Jeremy Parnes, Rev. Amanda Currie, and Imam Dr. Mohamed Masloh.

Thursday, October 21 @ 3pm – Generosity
 Thursday, October 28 @ 3pm – Hospitality
 Thursday, November 4 @ 3pm - Compassion

These are times of increased social polarization and intolerance, where racism, anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia appear to be increasing daily. Dialogue between these faith communities is an antidote to ignorance and hatred. Generosity, hospitality, and compassion are social virtues that can heal the wounds within our society.

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth: sterwardship@sasktel.net and to register in advance for this series: <https://bit.ly/3iwvyPfm>. Even if you are unable to attend all three sessions, you are welcome to register. The sessions will be live streamed on YouTube and the recordings will remain in the YouTube channel for later use.

Are you interested in learning more about the Canadian and international ministries with which the ELCIC is connected? You can find out more through ELCIC e-news: <https://elcic.ca/Communique/default.cfm>

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 neighbours 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.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW# 529 "Jesus, We are Gathered" 2X

GREETING

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

KYRIE: ELW#744 "Lord, Be Glorified"

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come Into His Presence" (from The Other Songbook)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the

wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.
¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.
¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.
A reading from Hebrews.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "We Will Glorify" vs. 1 & 2

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GOSPEL: Mark 10:32-45

The Holy Gospel according to Mark in the tenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

³² They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴ they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."³⁵ 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." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But 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?" ³⁹They 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; ⁴⁰but 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." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So 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. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Winning the Prize"

SERMON: "Off Track"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#825 "You Servants of God"

APOSTLE'S 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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
We share a sign of that peace.

PRAYER

God blesses us through prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: WOV#783 "Seek Ye First"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation, praying hear us, O God, and responding, Your mercy is great.

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Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
 The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace.
 In the name of the Father ✠, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.