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Worship for Sunday, October 24th, 2021
22nd 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:

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

Today:

► **Sunday School 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 (**No Confirmation Oct 31 or Nov 7.**)

Tuesday: ► **Book Study** discussion on Zoom at 7 pm. The book is “White Fragility”

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 are welcome.

Wednesday: ► **Lectionary Bible Study** continues at 7 pm either in-person or on Zoom.

Next Sunday : ► **Reformation Sunday - all are invited to wear red as we celebrate the birth of the Lutheran Church and the Holy Spirit's fire that inspired Martin Luther.**



This Week

We will be celebrating **All Saints Sunday** this year on November 14. 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** for November. 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!

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.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: "Here I am to Worship"

THE BLESSING OF THE BODY

We gather together in the hope of the holy and saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now receive the sign of the Gospel on your body and in your heart, that you may know the Lord, sharing in his suffering and the power of his resurrection, that you may embody God's turning our hurts and sorrows into new life.

Receive the cross on your forehead, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you. Learn to know Christ and to follow Him. **Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.**

Receive the cross on your ears, that you may hear the Gospel of Christ, the Word of life.

Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.

Receive the cross on your eyes, that you may see the light of Christ, illumination for your way.

Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.

Receive the cross on your lips, that you may sing the praise of Christ, the joy of the Church.

Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.

Receive the cross on your heart, that God may dwell there by faith.

Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.

Receive the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.

Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.

Receive the cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your work.

Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.

Receive the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.

Praise to you, O God; we are the body of Christ.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Sanctuary"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, **Merciful and most-high God, creator and giver of all that is, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. We ask you: Grant grace to us and bless us.**

Raise us by your Spirit. Reform us by your hand. Revive us by your Word. And bring us to your water of life and to the bread and cup of blessing, that with all your people we may bear witness to your grace and praise you forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

A reading from Jeremiah

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with

consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

YOUTH SKIT: "WONDER BOOK"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#875 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

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

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BRIEF REFLECTION: "Make Your Needs Known"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Thy Word"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We join our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need praying Lord in your mercy and responding,
hear our prayer.

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Gather our prayers and those known only to you, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We share a sign of that peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word. And so, with your people on earth and the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW# 413 vs. 1**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify you, we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION**COMMUNION HYMNS**

ELW#471 "Let Us Break Bread"

ELW#474 "Bread of Life from Heaven"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body,

bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#821 "Shout to the Lord"**DISMISSAL**

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