

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”* - #700
(verses 1 & 2)

*I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

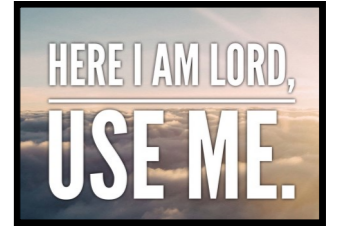
* POSTLUDE - *“The Light From on High”* - Paxton



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Order of Worship

21st Sunday of Pentecost

October 22, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“The Lord God Has Spoken It”* - Paxton

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT - *“Lord, Prepare Me”* - #701 (Faith Choir)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

God is the source of all our gifts and blessings;
Let us return to God’s what is God’s in thanksgiving!
Shout from the rooftops the glory of the Lord!
Let us sing praise to God for all we have been given.
In the Lord is our refuge and our strength;
Let us give thanks to God for all our days!

* **OPENING HYMN** - *“God Is Calling through the Whisper”* - #410

* **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Gracious and ever-loving God, you breathed life into creation. You gave us the gift of life, the gift of the Earth, and all the blessings that have come forth from it. But we are a sinful people Lord, and we fall short of the example of Jesus many times. In Jesus we see selfless love, compassion, and care. In Jesus we see the ultimate giver to those around him. We come to you God seeking your mercy, to forgive us for the times we have been selfish and greedy, and looking out only for ourselves. Forgive us God and fill our hearts with the unselfishness of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

*** GLORIA PATRI - *Glory Be to the Father***

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Elder Johnnie Travis

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - “*Song of Hope*” - arr. Hopson (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dear God, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit down upon us and open our ears, minds, and hearts to the wisdom and guidance of your word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 24

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 25:35-40

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “Listen to the Whisper, Find the Time”

*** OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD “The Apostles Creed”**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - “*God Leads Us Along*” - arr. Stevens

*** DOXOLOGY** - “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*” - #609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

*** CLOSING HYMN** - “*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*” - #93