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20[™] SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ordinary Time (Proper 23) October 10, 2021



Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters, Sculpture by Houston Conwill; Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco

C.J. Briggs, Music Director Lauren Somple, Liturgist Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again ... Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (from Mark 10:17, 27)

How can a mortal receive eternal life?

For God all things are possible.

PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN G MAJOR (BMV 860)

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 90)

Teach us, O Holy One, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as we've been afflicted,

and as many years as we have seen trouble.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper for us the work of our hands!

Come let us worship God.

HYMN

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

GTG #307

words by Harry Emerson Fosdick, music by John Hughes (CWM RHONDDA)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Ask Pastor David)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Adults: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

*Prayer of Confession (continued on next page)

Holy God, sometimes it hurts too much to look honestly at the world and ourselves. We grow tired of the constant bad news, so we put on a brave face. With those we are closest to, we sometimes pretend that we feel okay. We even lie to ourselves, not fully admitting the impact of our actions on one another or ourselves.

Forgive us, O God, when we try to hide our hearts from you. Fuel our trust that we might approach you with our full selves—authentic in our gifts, and our fears, and our shortcomings. Give us the courage to walk together through the trials of life, rather than soldiering on alone. And help us to sense your faithful presence through the days when there feels like more shadow than sun. *Time of Silent Confession*.

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

HALLE HALLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

If you are interested please contact Lee McGovern for details: <u>mission@ipcusa.org</u>

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

(CEB)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THEY THAT KNOW THY NAME

L. Stanley Glarum

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 10:17-31

(CEB)

SERMON

"COSTLY GRACE"

Rev. Wigger

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Theological Declaration of Barmen)
"Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (I Cor. 1:30) (continued on next page)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creation. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

"Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matt. 28:20) "The word of God is not fettered." (II Tim. 2:9)

The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE DOXOLOGY GTG #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ SENDING ~

HYMN IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE GTG #12

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith; Music: Welsh folk melody (ST. DENIO)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FUGUE IN G MAJOR J.S. Bach

