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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
DEDICATION SUNDAY

10:30 A.M.

✠ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 27, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

We gather in Abundance, away from the rush and the race,
to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, "may all have enough."

We gather to live into the work of God's call.

We gather in Grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation,
awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

We gather to grow: to change moment-by-moment, in grace again-and-again.

We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk,
ready to make change one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time.
Ready to live and move and be. Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes and our energy.

***HYMN**

Great God of Every Blessing

GtG # 694

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world the endless cycle of nature of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see our lips to praise and our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread and our footsteps be worthy of following for they lead to you.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us!
We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia.
Through Christ, God forgives us our failings,
and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.
Let us celebrate this mercy of God
by greeting each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (pew song sheet)*

Prayers lifted to God

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

GtG # 450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 126

OT page# 572

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

NT page# 47

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then 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." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

Take Heart, Jesus Is Calling You

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**We believe in God, Creator of the universe,
Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom,
who commanded us to care for those in need,
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth,
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously,
in a spirit of love and joy.

We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's,
caretakers of God's home.

We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,
a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.

We believe that God has great things in store for us,
for it is in giving that we receive.

OFFERING

Doxology

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

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Accept our pledges and offerings
for your glory. Bless this congregation as we continue to seek your purpose and be of your
service. Use these gifts we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

GtG #726

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known; will you let
my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 28

Bell Choir @ 2:30 PM

Thursday, October 31

Choir Rehearsal @ 2-3 PM

COFFEE HOSTS: Lori & Jack Burkett

GREETERS: Lori & Jack Burkett

LITURGIST: Pam Arnsberger

COUNTER: Erik Ottem

GAME DAY – TODAY! at 11:30 in Hubler Hall



Join us for lunch, treats, and a slew of easily learned, fun to play games for all ages. Please consider inviting your friends, neighbors, children or grandchildren to join us.

Games, lunch and fellowship – what could be better?