

A photograph of a person sitting on a set of wide, stone steps. The person is in silhouette, facing left, and is reading a book. The scene is lit from the right, creating strong highlights on the edges of the steps and casting deep shadows. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Great Service

You're Always Welcome Here at
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 17, 2021

***Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

#506 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *There are many places we could be this morning, but we have chosen to be here:*

Many: **where we learn how to live in God's Realm.**

One: *Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer - yet also filled with challenge:*

Many: **where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.**

One: *Welcome to this sacred time - filled with wondering and praise:*

Many: **where we talk about and with God and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.**

***OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

Holy Dwelling Place, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.

***HYMN**

#314 Community of Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 104,

Page 689-690 New Century Hymnal

SUNG PSALTER RESPONSE

#17 To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLICAL TESTIMONY: Mark 10:35-45

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." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But 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?" They 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; but 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."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So 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. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY An excerpt from Dr. Martin Luther King's "Drum Major Instinct" sermon, given on 4 February 1968

"Oh, I see, you want to be first. You want to be great. You want to be important. You want to be significant. Well, you ought to be. If you're going to be my disciple, you must be." But Jesus reordered priorities. And he said, "Yes, don't give up this instinct. It's a good instinct if you use it right. It's a good instinct if you don't distort it and pervert it. Don't give it up. Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be first in love. I want you to be first in moral excellence. I want you to be first in generosity. That is what I want you to do."

SERMON Reordering Things***HYMN** #495 Called as Partners in Christ's Service**OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

Parent God, may this offering assist us in continuing Jesus' work in the world to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that harm your creation. Amen.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:

Deloris Ashburn Clara Ritter

CONCERNS

Graham Sayers, infant son of Lisa (Henseleit) and Jay Sayers

Family and Friends of Gerald McNally

Family and Friends of Skip and Marilyn Wingate

Ciera Nygren

Bill Rittscher

Clara Ritter

Gene Fields

Jesse Johnson

Dustin Meyer

Eric Heithoff

McCoy Backer

Laura Rutjens

Kathy Rethwisch

Larry Bartee

Fr. Pat Nields

Deloris Mozer

Michelle Dittmer

Kandi Hart

Deloris Ashburn

Diann Larson

Dave Carstens

Carter Brown

John Johnson

Holli Perez

Theresa Sullivan Meyer

JOYS

Birth of Henry David Dahl, son of Eric and Melisa born on

September 19, 2021

Birth of Rivers Judy Johnson, daughter of Richard and Cassie born on

August 20, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE TIME BEFORE CHURCH. Beginning at 10:00.

CONFIRMATION will meet following worship beginning today.

PASTOR MELANIE'S OFFICE HOURS have shifted due to a change in confirmation time and are now Sundays 1:30-3:30. Call or text if you'd like to meet with her. She can be reached at (402) 841-1450 or revdocmel@gmail.com

BLOODMOBILE will be held October 18th from 12:00 to 6:00 at the Tilden City Auditorium.

PEACE CHURCH IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW WEBSITE at tildenpeace.org . Visit our website to get events, sermons, bulletins, donate online, and more! Thanks Alex!!!

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