

November 7, 2021 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: "Seasons" (by Charles Fox and Ed Newmark)

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental): #134 Red Hymnal, "Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Welcome and Announcements

For Our Veterans, A Prayer of Thanks (Video)

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come, all who are anxious or burdened. This is a time to experience good news.

Congregation: This is God's house, and we can meet God here. We are brought together in the family of God.

Liturgist: Come with expectancy and anticipation. God is present to greet you and change your life.

Congregation: We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus. We have come to be equipped for our ministry.

Liturgist: In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy. In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

Congregation: Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in vain. Unless we view our city as God's own, there is emptiness here.

Hymn (Instrumental): #305 Red Hymnal, "O For a Thousand Tongues"

Confession of Sin

All-wise God, you know how much we enjoy being honored above others, and how often we resent the special respect others receive. You are aware of the shortcuts we take for our own advantage. You see the ways we pretend to be more than we are. You observe not only our actions but our motives as well. We need your help to put away all that is false and to discover our identity as your children. Lift us up in your forgiving love, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (Instrumental)

Old Testament Lesson – Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 – the story of Ruth continues with her marriage to Boaz and the birth of Obed, father of Jesse, grandfather of David.

Hymn of Praise - "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" performed by the First Sunday School

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson – Hebrews 9:24-28 – Hebrews could be called "the book of better things" since the two Greek words for "better" and "superior" occur 15 times. Here is how in Christ things are better

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: #250 Red Hymnal, "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Gospel Lesson – Mark 12:38-44 – Throughout the gospel of Mark, Jesus upsets the status quo. What had become a traditional theological “treasure” was being turned over and a new standard put in place. Here Jesus points to yet another “out of the box” example.

Sermon

Communion: "Grace Like Rain" (by John Newton, Chris Collins, Todd Agnew & Edwin O Excell)

Closing Hymn (Instrumental): #258 NCH, "Christ, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

Benediction

Postlude: "Awesome God" (by Rich Mullins)