

LARGE PRINT

Worship Celebration

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Praeludium in g, BWV 558

Johann Sebastian Bach

+ Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, you are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.*

*And yet our trust in you is fragile,
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference-
the dismissal of your faithfulness
as a result of our forgetfulness.*

*Our trust is fragile,
easily broken by the slightest pause-
an answer to prayer not instantly given,
a request for peace not immediately felt.*

*Our trust is fragile,
easily displaced by gods of our own making-
the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost,
the god of illusion, pursued in any form.*

*Lord have mercy on us,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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+ Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

UMH 430

We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson - Exodus 32.1-6 (NRSVUE)

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson - Philippians 4.4-9 (NRSVUE)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Just A Little Patience

Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and

Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Hymn of Praise

John Carter

Doxology

UMH 95

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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

***We trust you, Lord God,
to multiply the blessings these gifts represent,
as we pour out your love and grace
on those who long to hear your word to them,
to see your power at work within them,
to feel your comfort beside them,
through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen.***

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We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

+ Benediction

Postlude

Fuga in g, BWV 558

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

Morning Prayer:

I listen quietly, Lord,
and the morning sounds
of creation draw me to you.
It is then that I hear your voice,
"I am pleased with you
and I know you by name."
Sometimes it is difficult
to fully receive your pleasure
in me,
to grasp that you are fond of me,
even when I have nothing
to show for myself.
You are patient, Lord,
and I am yours. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

I fold up this day with gratitude,
holding close to my heart
those whose faith helped carry me
through this day. Amen.