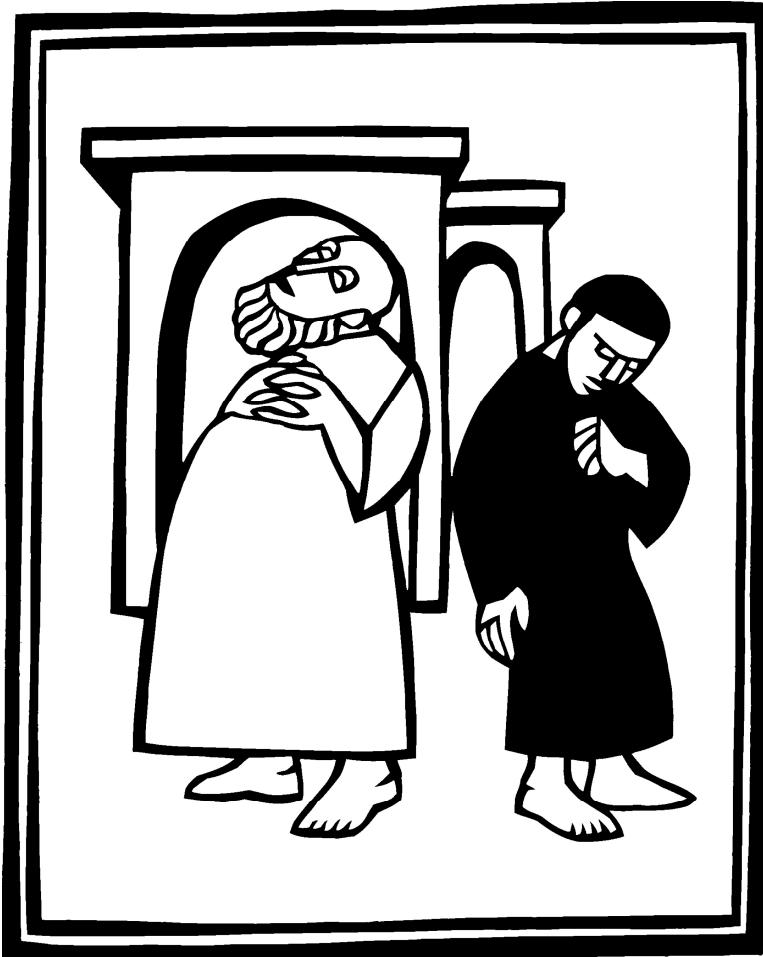


**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 23, 2022—8:30am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

“Guide My Feet” ACS 987

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

"Better Is One Day"

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O lord Almighty. For my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart, is satisfied within your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

**Refrain:** Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in Your House, better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in your courts, than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek: To see your beauty to find you in the place your glory dwells.

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God. Your spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me, I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.

Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**+Word+**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. <sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? <sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. <sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. <sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. <sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from Second Timothy.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+ Gospel Acclamation

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Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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**+ Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Judith Cobb

**+ Song of the Day**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart, I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

**Refrain:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have  
mercy on me.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have  
mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing.  
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

I have longed to know You - - and Your tender mercies,  
like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.  
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence;  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy; Lord have mercy on us;  
Lord, have mercy; Lord have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy; Lord have mercy on us;  
Lord, have mercy; Lord have mercy on us.

Steve Merkel

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**+ Apostles' Creed**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic\* church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* universal

### **+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: “God Will Make a Way”

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

**Refrain:** God will make a way where there seems to be no way; He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me; He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side, with love and strength for each new day; He will make a way, He will make a way.

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God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us.

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things.

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble.  
Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare.  
Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and  
peace for every person.

## **Refrain**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*).

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Refrain**

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at  
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Checks can also be sent to church:  
521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325



**+ Offering Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.  
Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer**

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**+ Invitation to Communion**

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

**Communion Song**

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King, they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God

**Refrain:** O Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God, I Love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called the lamb of God.

Twila Paris, b. 1958

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**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“Christ Is Risen”

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame;  
but fix our eyes upon the cross, and run to Him, who showed  
great love and bled for us, freely You've bled for us.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death  
come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again come  
awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.

Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but  
heaven's will; No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden  
great can hold You down. In strength You reign; forever let Your  
church proclaim:

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? O  
church, come stand in the light; the glory of God has defeated  
the night.

Singing: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? O  
church, come stand in the light; our God is not dead  
He's alive, He's alive!

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**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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