OFFERTORY Jesus Calls Us Jack Brooks

*Doxology #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—Sending—

*HYMN #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Jack Brooks

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.

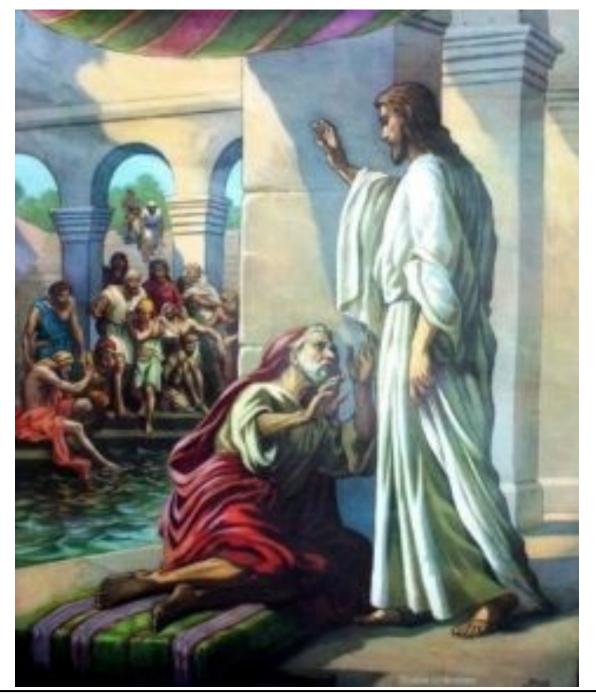




Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences



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November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit **Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE I Come with Joy Jack Brooks

WELCOME Liturgist: Steve Lowe

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

*HYMN #192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation's. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 34:22)

"The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING John 4:43-5:16

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Bible p. 90, Lg p. 116-117

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Boxing God In

Rev. David Reeder

-Response-

*HYMN # 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.