

**Peace United Church of Christ  
October 20th, 2024  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30am**



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Prelude

*Liechtensteiner Polka*

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

\*Call to Worship

from *Psalm 104*

Our God is great, clothed in honor and glory,

**We praise you, O God!**

God stretches out the heavens like a tent and rides on the wings of the wind;

**We praise you, O God!**

God sets the earth on an unshakable foundation,

**We praise you, O God!**

With wisdom, God has created us and our world and called it good.

**Let us worship our Creator!**

\*Song

*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

#459 NCH

***Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.***

***Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.***

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.***

\*Passing of the Peace

Imagine Together: Our Story of Generosity

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Sending the Children

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

Contemporary Reading from *Growth in Partnership*, Letty Russell Kelli Hallsten-Erickson, reader

A characteristic view of the world according to old math is to see things and persons as objects to be possessed as *my* thing. Life is measured according to how many things can be accumulated...God's new math is an unexpected way of viewing reality in which things don't add up "right." The logic of Jesus and of God is one of excess and generosity and superabundance, the logic of grace. God's new math provides clues to the nature of *koinonia* – Christian fellowship. As a sign of New Creation, *koinonia* is more likely to be discovered as God's gift of partnership when we are open to what God will do next. God's choice to partner with us makes it possible to live in the reality of the New Creation now.

Scripture Reading

*Mark 10:35-45*

Kelli Hallsten-Erickson, reader

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus 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 servant of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

*Carry Me Home*

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Song

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

#498 NCH

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
Knelt at the feet of his friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
Jesu, you acted as servant to them.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
Neighbors are rich and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near and far away.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
Loving puts us on our knees,  
showing our faith by our deeds,  
serving the neighbors we have from you.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

Community Prayers and the Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Choral Amen

Offertory

*Edelweiss,*  
Rodgers and Hammerstein

Mike and Diane Swanoski

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Song

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

#1 NCH

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.***

***Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.***

***Your life is life giving - to both great and small;  
in all life you're living, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,  
then wither and perish - but naught dims your powers.***

***So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we now render as your angels do:  
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.***

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*The Happy Wanderer*

Assisting in Today's Service:

Mike and Diane Swanoski, accordions, Dale Shimmin Trombone, Kirby Wood, trumpet,  
Ian Connell, drums  
Warren Post, Ellen Shelton and Pam Kramer, Ushers  
Kate Ryan and Koren Sjelina, Nursery Attendants

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