

**Peace United Church of Christ  
October 27th, 2024  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30am**



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Prelude

*Nardis*, Miles Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

\*Call to Worship

from *Psalm 34* and  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing*, James Weldon Johnson

I will bless God at all times; God's praise will always be in my voice,  
**Lift every voice and sing!**  
My soul boasts in God's goodness,  
**Til earth and heaven ring!**  
Taste and see that God is good,  
**Let our rejoicing rise!**  
Happy are we who take refuge in God,  
**May we forever stand true to our God, shadowed beneath God's hand.**

\*Song

*Softly and Tenderly*

#449 NCH

***Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See at the portals Christ waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.***

***Refrain:***

***Come home, come home,  
All who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"***

***Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not God's mercies, mercies for you and for me?***

***Refrain:***

***Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.***

***Refrain:***

***O for the wonderful love Jesus promised, promised for you and for me;  
Though we have sinned Jesus offers us pardon, pardon for you and for me.***

***Refrain:***

\*Passing of the Peace

Imagine Together: Our Story of Generosity

Phyllis Cook

Story for All Ages - Presentation of Bibles

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

*Forgotten Voices*,  
Scott Dalgarno

Patty Beech-Dziuk, reader

I am Peter's wife sleeping alone in Capernaum. I am Eutychus who fell asleep before falling out a window. I am Ehud whose "message from God" was the blade of a sword delivered with a left hand. I am Abel who never saw it coming. I am Lazarus, raised from the dead, waiting for a second death. I am Samuel here to say that even when you're dead they won't leave you alone. I am the man who told Joseph his brothers had gone on to Dothan. I am the brother of Joseph who spread the blanket next to the pit we dropped him into before picnicking on chicken wings, warm beer, and pickles. I am a son of those who shouted, "His blood be on us and our children." I am the dad who welcomed Peter and Andrew back to the family business. I am the little boy who handed Jesus five barley loaves and two fish. I am the clerk who filed the paper remanding Jesus for crucifixion. I am the "man in Christ" Paul remembered being transported to the highest heaven. I am Job's wife, remembered for the lowest thing I ever said. I am Lot's wife who wishes you knew my name.

Special Music

#42 in the Old Book

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Patty Beech-Dziuk, reader

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Choir Anthem

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

Cathy Ameel

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Song

*I Heard My Mother Say (Give Me Jesus)*

#409 NCH

***I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say,  
I heard my mother say, "Give me Jesus."***

***Refrain:***

***Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,  
you may have all this world, give me Jesus.***

***At midnight was my cry, at midnight was my cry,  
at midnight was my cry, "Give me Jesus."***

***Refrain:***

***Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.***

***Refrain:***

***In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.***

***Refrain:***

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

*Autumn Leaves*, Johnny Mercer

\*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

***There are some things I may not know,  
there are some places I can't go,  
But I am sure of this one thing,  
that God is real for I can feel God deep within.***

***Refrain:***

***Yes, God is real, real in my soul;  
yes, God is real for God has washed and made me whole;  
God's love for me is like pure gold,  
yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.***

***Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn,  
all can desert and leave me alone,  
But as for me I'll take God's part,  
for God is real and I can feel God in my heart.***

***Refrain:***

***I cannot tell just how you felt  
when Jesus took your sins away,  
But since that day, yes, since that hour,  
God has been real for I can feel God's holy power.***

***Refrain:***

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Billie's Bounce*, Charlie Parker

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