Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, Year B ...... October 17, 2021

#### INVITATION AND GATHERING

## WELCOME

#### **CENTERING WORDS**

The One who set the earth on its foundations is also the One who came as the servant of all. The One who spoke to Job from the whirlwind is also the One who walked and talked with James and John. God's love reaches through time and space to join us here.

\*SCRIPTURE READING ...... Luke 18:9-14

\* OPENING HYMN: #396...... O Jesus, I Have Promised"

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Consider the great saints of the church: The greatest are those who gave themselves to serve others.

People: Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. He is the example for all Christians.

Leader: Many Christians have great qualities. But true greatness is achieved only in self-sacrifice for the sake of others.

People: The church is Christ's servant in the world today. We pray that our sacrifice will make it great.

## \* LET US PRAY:

Heavenly Father, whose Son demonstrated greatness as the surrendering of self in service to others: Humble our feelings of self-exaltation; that we may become effective servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

#174......His Name Is Wonderful

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)

We struggle with human nature, Father, wanting the assurance that we have achieved success. And in our efforts, we hurt feelings; we break friendships; and we fail to serve our Lord.

Forgive us for selfish motivation which makes us stumble over those we ought to serve. Quiet the unrest of our pride and share with us the glory of being humble servants. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

#177......He Is Lord

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ, our high priest, deals gently with us. Through him, we have been set free. Praise God, who offers us love and forgiveness.

\*SCRIPTURE READING: ...... Mark 10:35-45

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "The Greatness in Serving"

\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

#530 ...... Are Ye Able

**CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns**`

Let us pray: The Lord's Prayer #270 (spoken)

\* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 ...... O Lord, Hear My Prayer

\* CLOSING HYMN: #338...... Where He Leads Me (vs 1)

\* DISMISSAL BLESSING

# Concerns

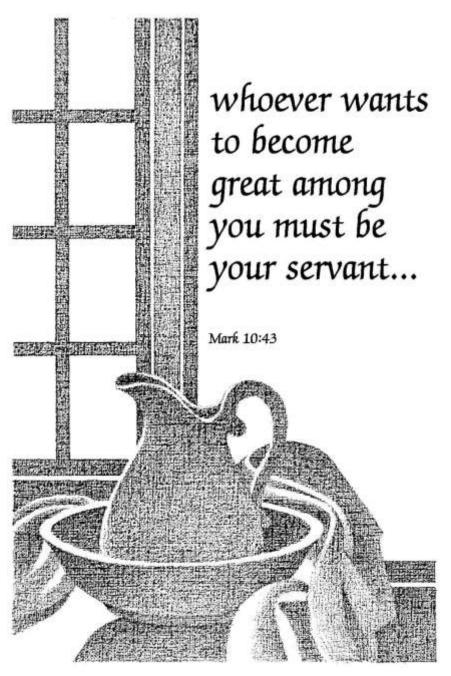
- ~ Shirley Platt (health concerns)
- ~ Sandra Rosado (prayers for complete recovery)
- ~ P. J. Mart (Kate's cousin who is recovering from heart transplant surgery)
- ~ Don Swanson (health concerns)
- ~ Kanae Swanson (strength)
- ~ Richard Harris (continuing prayers for recovery) {Vicky's dad}
- ~ John & Shirley Zinter (health concerns) {Sue's parents}
- ~ Susan (strength & comfort)
- ~ Drivers for church van/transportation
- ~ Prayers for a Multi-Cultural Committee
- ~ Immigration
- ~ Prayers for asking God to be led to serve on our various committees
- ~Amos's granddaughter, Angela, who is a missionary (Lyme disease, recovered, but now has internal parasites)
- ~Luz (recovering from a heart condition)
- ~Lindsey (has developed sarcoidosis as a result from COVID) {Bev's granddaughter}
- ~Laurie M (taking radiation treatments near her eye)
- ~Barb Nicoll (heart valve replacement surgery needed)
- ~Jeremy Flint & family (Jeremy's grandfather passed away)
- ~Warren P (recovery)
- ~Pastor Edris Hitchcock (1<sup>st</sup> Baptist) her mother-in-law is in the hospital with COVID & no vaccination

## <u>Joys</u>

~Janice has a new great-grandson!

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