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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

“For Position”

***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.***

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Michael Small

Liturgist: Chris Kolp

Special Music: Celebrate

Greeter: Beth Alderson

Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson Webb

Tech: Aurora Diehl (Video), Esther Covert (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRESENTATION
Coffeehouse”

Joyce Day – *“The Door – More than a*

+HYMN

“There is a Name I Love to Hear”

#52

CALL TO WORSHIP *Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 54)*

One: Let us humble ourselves as we seek the presence of the Sovereign God.

All: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

One: The Holy One saves and delivers, vindicates and redeems, listens and responds.

All: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

One: Give thanks to Holy Love and worship our Maker.

All: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Good God, make yourself known among us. We lift our voices in song, our hearts in prayer, our minds in consideration, our lives in adoration toward you. We acknowledge that your Spirit leads, comforts, and challenges us as we follow you. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

All: Holy Love, we confess that too often we become fixated with our position in the world. We love the exercise of our own power and exert it over others rather for the benefit of the common good and your kingdom. Transform our hearts to crave you as the source of our power and love the only good and fulfilling demonstration of it. Make us your instruments of peace, joy, and hope in the world and agents of new life. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

WORDS OF GRACE

One: Image bearers of the divine, grace and mercy follow you in anticipation of your repentance. Turn toward the ways of justice and righteousness. Let Wisdom guide you and Holy Love use you for the glory of God and the blessing of our neighbors in humanity and in creation.

+PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebrate

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They left that district and began a journey through Galilee, but Jesus did not want anyone to know about it. ³¹ He was teaching the disciples along these lines: "The Promised One is going to be delivered into the hands of others and will be put to death, but three days later this One will rise again." ³² Though they failed to understand these words, they were afraid to question him.

³³ They returned home to Capernaum. Once they were inside the house, Jesus began to ask them, "What were you discussing on the way home?" ³⁴ At this they fell silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who among them was the most important. ³⁵ So Jesus sat down and called the Twelve over and said, "If any of you wants to be first, you must be the last one of all and at the service of all."

³⁶ Then Jesus brought a little child into their midst and, putting his arm around the child, said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the One who sent me.”

REFLECTION

“Childlike”

HYMN

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

#325

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison, using debts)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebrate

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: Like the words of Psalm 54:6, we proclaim: “With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, Holy One, for it is good.” Let us give with the generosity of love made real, available, and free.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: *(as collection plates come forward)*

Tune #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

One: Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the gifts we receive from you and pray you receive our gifts for your kingdom. May they be a blessing and gift in our extended community and the world. Amen.

+HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”

#327

PARTING WORDS

One: May you go into the world renewed and refreshed
With humble and expectant peace

To witness to the love of God
The joy of the community of faith
And the hope of new life in Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“+” (for those who are able, please stand)

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Position: Service Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

