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

***“Ransom for Many”
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.***

**Worship Leaders:
Pastor: Dan Batson
Liturgist: Bev Jorland
Special Music: Celebrate
Greeter: Doris Johnson
Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb**

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

† HYMN

“I Woke Up this Morning”

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CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 104*)

One: Today we gather to worship, with all our hopes, weariness, joys, and concerns swirling within us. We gather to worship One who both ascends above our condition and descends to meet us in the midst of them.

All: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

One: We are humbled and grateful that the Majestic God knows our names and seeks our presence.

All: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

One: We raise our spirits as one body, strengthening, fortifying, and encouraging one another as we honor The Holy One’s glorious and precious name.

All: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

† For those who are able, please stand.

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: Magnificent God, you are worthy of our praise, reverence, and honor. You come to us, and you come for us. Your embrace saves us from the condemnation of this world. Your tangible example leads us on a path to disrupt the sinful systems of oppression that keep your creation from life abundantly. Your presence assures us that your covenant is everlasting and true. With thanksgiving and awe, we worship you. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

All: Liberating God, break us free from all the ways this world enslaves and ensnares your people. May our hearts be infused with your compassion. May our works be filled with your generosity. May our lives be testaments that new life in freedom, in love, and in you are possible. Transform us by your Spirit each day to be the part of you the world needs from us. We trust in your mercy and grace to make room and empower us to make it so. 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: Beloved, even now, the Holy One supplies the means to rewrite your story. God will strengthen you in your weakness, direct you in your uncertainty, and encourage you in your weariness. God has formed you, sustains you, and will be with you through it all.

† PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebrate

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:35-45 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2203-2204). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

³⁵ Zebedee's children James and John approached Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request." ³⁶ "What is it?" Jesus asked. ³⁷ They replied, "See to it that we sit next to you, one at your right and one at your left, when you come into

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your glory.”³⁸ Jesus told them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I will drink or be baptized in the same baptism as I?”

³⁹ “We can,” they replied. Jesus said in response, “From the cup I drink of, you will drink; the baptism I am immersed in, you will share.”⁴⁰ But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved.”

⁴¹ The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John.

⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know how among the Gentiles those who exercise authority are domineering and arrogant; those ‘great ones’ know how to make their own importance felt.”⁴³ But it can’t be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; ⁴⁴ whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. ⁴⁵ The Promised One has come not to be served, but to serve—to give one life in ransom for the many.”

REFLECTION

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Rev. Dan Batson

HYMN

"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

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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

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: The invitation to give is a gift not a debt. We share our resources because we were created to be mutually dependent upon one another. When we give generously, we demonstrate our faith in God’s generosity, provision, and abundance. Therefore, let us give with thanksgiving and love for God and our neighbor.

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.**

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

One: Good and Generous God, receive these gifts as an offering of our love and lives.
May they be used to benefit your people and to honor your holy name. Amen.

† HYMN

“Alleluia! Gracious Jesus” (vss. 1, 2, 3)

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PARTING WORDS

One: Go in the freedom of new life in Christ.
Go in the liberty that transcends the ways of the world.
Go in the hope, power, and peace of the good news. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Ransom for Many: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Second 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.

