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

“Take Heart”

***Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.***

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Sue Grage

Liturgist: Joanna Aamodt

Special Music: Bell Choir

Greeter: Esther Covert

Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

REFLECTION

“Do No Harm”

Sue Grage

† HYMN

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

#459

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 34*)

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

All: We praise God who is with us. We honor God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

All: We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify God with me.

**All: O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good.
Bless the Holy One!**

A TIME OF CENTERING

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

† For those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of the assembly. When we seek you, we find you. When we pray, you respond. When we listen, your voice sounds. Make your presence palpable in the places we gather. We come to be formed, informed, and transformed by your lavish and bountiful love for your glory and for all you hold within your heart. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

All: Gracious God, break our hearts for what breaks yours. Forgive us for hearts that are sometimes cold with indifference. Forgive us for hearts sometimes hard with intractability. Forgive us for hearts closed with isolation. Open our hearts fully to compassion and companionship with our neighbor and your vision of a beloved kingdom come. 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, your heart bears the heart of God. With the Holy One's grace, heartbreak can transform into compassion, mutuality, and ministry that makes the love of God real in the world.

† PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hand Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:46-52 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2204).

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho with the disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus ben-Timaeus, was sitting at the side of the road. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, "Heir of David, Jesus, have pity on me!"

⁴⁸ Many people scolded him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, "Heir of David, have pity on me!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here."

So they called the blind man. "Don't be afraid," they said. "Get up; Jesus is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and went to Jesus.

⁵¹ Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabbuni," the blind man said, "I want to see."

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⁵² Jesus replied, “Go, your faith has saved you.” And immediately Bartimaeus received the gift of sight and began to follow Jesus along the road.

SERMON “Surviving Seeing” Sue Grage

HYMN “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” #539

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 Hand Bell Choir

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: Generosity begins as a decision from the heart. It reflects care and concern for the needs of the world as well as trust for the abundance and plenty of God’s creation. Let us give from the gifts we have been given as a sign and act of faithfulness.

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: Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness. Receive these gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. Amen.

† **HYMN** “You Walk Along Our Shoreline” #504
(To the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation” #336)

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PARTING WORDS

One: Take heart for God goes with you. Therefore,
May your heart love fully and boldly
May your heart love loudly and actively
May your heart love faithfully and miraculously.
Go in peace and love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Take Heart: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third 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.

