

## Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER.....We “ought always to pray and not lose heart.” This is how Luke introduces the Gospel today (18:1). Then he records Jesus’ telling of the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. God the Father is kind, gracious, and loving. While we may not always receive the answer we are looking for or according to the time frame we stipulate, our dear Father always delights to hear and answer the prayers of His people. For He is a good God, and He loves us with His whole creation.

### RINGING OF THE BELL

We take a few moments *in silence* to prepare our hearts and minds for worship

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

### BEING HONEST ABOUT OURSELVES...

P: We confess our sins. Kind and loving Father,

**C: we confess to You our sinfulness both of nature and of choice. We often lose heart in the face of obstacles, difficulties, and suffering. We fail to call upon You for help, and we fail to keep trusting in Your goodness. Hear us now for Jesus’ sake. Forgive our sins and lead us onward to live each day in Your presence by the aid of Your Holy Spirit.**

### YOU ARE FORGIVEN

P: Let it be unto you as you have believed. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God continue His faithful work in you both now and at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine.....Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine.....Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way.....Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day.....Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear.....Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near.....Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Loving Father, You always delight to hear and answer the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may persist in crying out to You in prayer, always trusting in Your goodness and in Your gracious promises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

#### The First Lesson: [Genesis 32:22-30](#)

*"I will not let You go unless You bless me."*

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

### The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

*Continue in the Word of God you have learned and have believed.*

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### The Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

*God hears and answers the prayers of His people.*

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

CHOIR SONG                      Write Upon My Heart                      By David Angerman

### SERMON

SERMON HYMN "Red Book" 114                      Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me—this I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong—They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—loves me still, Though I'm very weak and ill;  
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He will stay Close beside me all the way,  
Though hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for the.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

#### AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### OFFERINGS

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all offerings, his Son offered for our salvation.

### THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Loving Father, you met Jacob in solitude by the river Jabbok. He wrestled with You, and You blessed him. Sometimes You seem distant and removed from our prayers. Sometimes we persistently ask for the same things over and over. Yet, You graciously invite us to call upon Your name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. Even though our lack of understanding causes it to seem like we wrestle with You, help us to trust in Your goodness, that You are always more ready to hear than we are to ask. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving Father, You held Timothy by the Scriptures, making him wise for salvation and granting him to faithfully preach Your strong Word in season and out of season. Grant to all pastors such wisdom and faithfulness that they may speak the beauties of Your mercy to people who will listen. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving Father, hear the cries of all people who are sick, injured, or suffering any need of body, mind, or spirit, ( especially.....). Answer them, dear Lord, in the way and the time You know to be best. For You are always good, and we are in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving Father, You invite us again to this Table of Jesus' body and blood. Use this feast as a proclamation of Jesus' abiding presence among Your people. Feed us with the food of resurrection, and fill us with the Holy Spirit, who breathes Your divine life into us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving Father, we give You thanks for all people who are now at rest in Your presence. Bring us at last to rejoice with them in Your gracious presence in the new heavens and new earth, where righteousness dwells; for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### THE THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### [DISTRIBUTION HYMNS](#)

"Red Book" 126    Let Us Break Bread Together  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;  
Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

“Red Book” 78

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim “My God how great thou art!”  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

“Red Book” 31

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has bought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing  
God's praise Than when we first began.

#### CLOSING BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

#### CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 263      Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,  
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### POST-SERVICE MUSIC