

# SUNDAY SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

PRELUDE “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” -arr. D. Wagner

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to hear the stories of other people, in another world, long ago.

**All: We come to hear the stories that are also about us today in this place.**

One: It can be difficult to let our yes be our yes, and our no be our no.

**All: God, give us ears to listen, eyes to see, hearts to follow God.**

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 21:23-32**

## MESSAGE

MUSICAL REFLECTION “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” -arr. V. Labenske

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Exalt His Name” -C. Cooke

## **Matthew 21:23-32**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.