

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR AUGUST 29, 2021

PRELUDE “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” -arr. G. Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 15*)

L: O God, who may abide in your tent?

All: Who may dwell on your holy hill?

L: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right, and speak the truth from their hearts.

All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

• OPENING HYMN #5 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

Holy God, your heart is wisdom, and your path is grace. Shine your Light upon us that it may illumine the faith we strive to carry in our lives. In those times when Word and tradition may not speak with one voice allow a greater portion of your wisdom to draw us closer to your Way; and when we choose unwisely, we ask your gracious forgiveness to make us anew. Gather us, O God, in the name of your Christ we pray. Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE – Rev. Tom Payden

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

GREETING TIME (*As we greet each other please be respectful of each other's comfort level.*)

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Mark 7:1-23** (*page 42*)

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON “Holding Fast to????” Rev. Tom Payden

OUR OFFERING

Musical reflection “You Are Mine” -arr. S. McDaniel

(Mark Breutzmann, piano; Beth Ciche, clavinova)

Prayer of dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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.**

• CLOSING HYMN #614 “Im Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

• BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Chorus of Worship” -E.J. Lorenz

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.

Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

Mark 7:1-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)— then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."