

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021 @ 8:30am

THEME: God called Samuel to do an unpopular thing—anoint David, the smallest, youngest, and prettiest of Jesse’s sons. And so, he did.

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God created all things.

We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

We gather to serve the Lord,

Even when serving the Lord is hard.

*GATHERING SONG

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises. I’m so glad You’re in my life, I’m so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift Your name on high.

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: God of faithful servanthood, **You called Samuel to anoint David, the smallest and youngest of Jesse’s son, to be king over Israel. Teach us to follow you as Samuel did. Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pew Bible Old Testament pg. 288

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

John 7:21-24

Pew Bible New Testament pg. 103

The Holy Gospel according to John the 7thchapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Pam Challis

SERMON HYMNAmazing Grace*

#779

*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 brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*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'd first begun.*

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

God of Wisdom, **hear our prayer**

Cleanse our hearts and hear these our prayers, O Lord, offered in hope for a world that sees as its Creator does—with one all-loving gaze and an irrevocable promise of deliverance for all. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**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 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 the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

#866

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,...oo, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,...oo, we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, ... oo, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, ... oo, we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, ... oo, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, ... oo, we are praying in the light of God.**

**We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, ... oo, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, ... oo, we are singing in the light of God.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(off camera)