

Living Faith

United Methodist Church

"Good Teacher,

what must I do to
inherit
eternal life?"

Mark 10:17



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A Celebration of Christian Worship

October 10, 2021 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude: Be the Centre Svetlana Morse

Introit: God, Our Father Hear Us Pray Chancel Choir

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Call to Worship

L: Come and worship.

P: God is here.

L: Listen for God's word.

P: It is alive and active.

L: Draw near to the source of mercy.

P: The God of grace is with us.

***Hymn: #400 (red) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

1/ **Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

2/ **Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

3/ **O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

Opening Prayer

There are days, O God, when we feel far from your presence. We long for you, yet we feel no response, no closeness. Give us the strength to cry out in pain, speaking our truth. Give us the courage to complain, even when there is no response. In the emptiness, we long for your presence. We wait, O God, for you. We know that you are the source of all mercy and grace. We trust that you will help us in times of need. Amen.

Children's Time Lorna Wade

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Choir Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord Chancel Choir

Sermon: Who Can Be Saved?

Rev. Bob Jon

Hymn of Response: #3040 (*green*) You Are My All in All

1/ You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worth is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

2/ Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name, you are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession

Living God, your way can be hard. How can we give up everything to follow you? We feel so frustrated when we reach out to you and feel only silence. We cling to what we own, fearing the future. Free us from our desire to accumulate more and more. Transform us into generous spirits, sharing your gifts with the world. Work within us, that we may know your real presence, even when we feel so little. We cannot do this alone. We need your help. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In Jesus, we have one who has experienced pain and struggle. He understands us, and leads us to the one who offers grace and forgiveness. He reminds us that all things are possible for God.

Passing of Peace

Sharing Our Gifts and Tithes

(Please use the offering box place on the table at the entrance door. For online giving, please visit <https://livingfaithumc.net/online-giving/> or download tithe.ly on your smartphone.)

***Doxology #95 (*red*) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we bring you our gifts today. We recognize that all we have comes from you. May these gifts bring hope to places of pain and need. We want to be followers of Jesus, who leads us from greed into service. We offer ourselves. Amen.

***Hymn: #3180 (*green*) As We Part for the Towns and Cities**

As we part for the towns and cities, where you summon us to go, guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage, teach us all we need to know. Keep us humble, fixed on you, forever seeking, born anew. Kindle holy fires within us; may your Holy Spirit glow.

*Benediction

Postlude: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Svetlana Morse

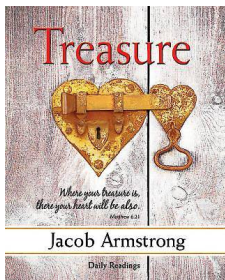
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“Seek the Lord and live,” declares the prophet Amos (5:6). So we gather now both in-person and online to hear from God and to be nourished with abundant life. Welcome!

Marvin Wilbur, one of our lay servants, will be preaching on October 31. Pastor Bob will travel to Maine to attend the baptism for his nieces.

We invite you to join us for All Saints Day, November 7th when we honor all those who have gone before us and passed their faith unto us. Pastor Bob will lead the dialogue sermon with the leaders from Grief Share Group and share the stories of grief, loss, faith, and healing. We are grateful to Monica, Susie, Veejay, and Dennis for willing to share their stories this day.



Join us for the season of Stewardship this fall by using “Treasure” as your devotional guide for 4 weeks. We encourage you to start to read this book from October 18th (Monday) and finish it on November 14th (Sunday) when we celebrate Stewardship Sunday with our guest preacher Rev. John Mueller, pastor at South Yarmouth UMC in Cape Cod. The books will be distributed at the church on October 10th and 17th.

Sunday Servants for next week (10.17): Liturgist: Rachael Johnston; Children’s Story: Bev Shaw

***Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:** Tomorrow: Phyllis Smith and Samantha Foster; Wednesday: Missy Martel-Ptyko; Friday: Bob and Sungha Jon’s Anniversarey, Jack and Jane Middleton’s Anniversary. **Are there any others?** (please let Bev know (in writing or by email) if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed in the newsletter or bulletin)

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