

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021
Welcome Guest and Members!
Welcome: Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D.,
Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Transitions

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

*“Praise to the Lord”¹
“Nothing is Impossible”²
“There is Something About that Name”³*

PRELUDE

“All Things are Possible with God”⁴ (Davis)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE IN THE BULLETIN

GREETING

Ms. Vicki Donbaugh

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based upon Psalm 22:1-15)

Liturgist: We gather feeling both our inward groaning and the groaning of our world in its pain and forsakenness.

All: We will trust in God and put our hope in God’s deliverance and strength.

Liturgist: We gather weary from all the challenges and trouble we have faced in these past weeks.

All: We will trust in God’s grace to help restore what our hearts and souls need.

Liturgist: We gather because we feel far from God and adrift in our world.

*All: We will trust that God will draw us near and embrace us in love and mercy.
God will not be far from us as we gather on this day to worship.*

HYMN

“Trust and Obey”⁵

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ACT OF CONFESSION⁶

Liturgist: Beloved of God, “before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the One to whom we must render an account.” Therefore, let us confess our sin.

All: Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist: Hear the good news: The same God that heard and forgave Job in the Old Testament hears and forgives us. Rise from your prayer of confession to sin no more. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, in Jesus’ name!

HEBREW READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

¹ Jason Ingram/Andi Rozier/Meredith Andrews. CCLI.SongSelect.434.00b06324

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⁶ Cunningham, Shelley. Prayer of Confession “Ministry Matters: Worship Elements: October 10, 2021.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3118/worship-elements-october-10-2021>

SERMON**What Must I Do?****Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D.****PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC***“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”***⁷**Hand Chime Choir****OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: The God of Grace and Mercy, calls us to be servants in Christ's holy name. Although popular culture often diminishes self-sacrifice, we know that being a servant leader is a worthwhile calling. In this worship moment, we are given an opportunity to give to others of our time, talent, and treasure in Christ's name. Stewardship is a profound gesture of our desire to serve God. Let us dedicate all we give with a prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION⁸

All: With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven. Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us. Amen.

BENEDICTION⁹

Pastor: With God all things are possible. May you carry that confidence into your daily life and work, as you walk in Christ's footsteps, guided by God's hand.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE***“Go Forth to Serve”***¹⁰ (Markle)

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⁸ Ibid. Offertory Prayer.

⁹ Cunningham, Shelley. Benediction. “Ministry Matters: Worship Elements: October 10, 2021.” <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3118/worship-elements-october-10-2021>

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Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glo - ry he sheds on our way!
 but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay;
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay;
 or we'll walk by his side in the way;

While we do his good will, he a - bides with us still,
 not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
 for the fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows,
 what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;

and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Refrain

Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be

hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.