

October 20, 2024
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now to serve.
Congregation: **We go now to love.**
Pastor: Go with the blessing of God.
Congregation: **We go to be blessings to the world.**
All people: *Amen.*

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Acolyte

POSTLUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone

PREWORSHIP MUSIC GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE & CANDLELIGHTING

Mr. Kevin Crone
Rev. Laura C. Baker
Acolyte

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come into God's presence.
Congregation: **All are welcome here.**
Pastor: Come into God's glory.
Congregation: **God's glory is all around.**
Pastor: As Christ came before us,
Congregation: **we come to worship and to pray.**
Pastor: As Christ turned to God,
Congregation: **we bring our anguish and our tears.**
Pastor: As Christ came to serve,
Congregation: **we bring our humble hearts.**
Pastor: Come into God's presence.
Congregation: **All are welcome here.**

OPENING PRAYER

All: Sing into our hearts, Creator God, as you sang your glory into creation. Speak to our minds with wisdom of old. Draw us into your presence, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. Amen.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **Blue Hymnal, #2**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Surely God is our salvation. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

References

- Unless otherwise noted, all liturgies written by: Beu, B., Scifres, M. (2023-04-18). The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024. [[VitalSource Bookshelf version]]. Retrieved from vbk://9781791027056
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Great and mighty God, create us anew this day. When we pose as greater and mightier than we are, help us be humble and of service in your name. When pride causes us to stumble, strengthen our faith. When fear and shame cause us to shrink, remind us that we are made in your image. Reclaim us as the people you have created us to be and lead us back to the path of discipleship you have called us to walk. In your great and gracious love, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us.

Congregation: **We will receive the forgiveness which God offers us and live in God's love.**

All people: Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Blue Hymnal, #35

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: As Christ came to serve, so now Christ invites us to serve one another with peace and love. Thus, let us move from our seats and greet one another, sharing Christ's peace with one another using the words: "Welcome" and "Peace be with you."

Congregation: "Welcome" and "Peace be with you, too."

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Blue Hymnal, #33

HEBREW READING

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

ANTHEM

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above (Hughes) **Chancel Choir**

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: In service and love, may we bring our hearts, our offerings, and our gifts to God and to God's church, dedicating all we give with a song and prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God

Blue Hymnal, #46

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: Great and gracious God, as you have blessed our lives and all of creation, bless the gifts we now return to you. Bless our hands and our lives, that they may serve you and your creation. Continue creating life and hope through our offerings and our ministries. May your glory and your grace shine through everything we give, everything we say, and everything we do. In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Blue Hymnal, #66