Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021
Reformation and Anniversary Sunday: The Church – New in Each Moment

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

“Because He Lives” ¹
“My Life is in Your Hands” ²
“To Everything There is a Season” ³

PRELUDE ⁴

Everything is Possible with God (Johnson)

(ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE IN THE BULLETIN)

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP⁵ (Based on Jeremiah 31:7-9)

Pastor: Sing aloud with gladness:
All:  God is gathering the people!

Pastor: We come from the farthest parts of the earth:
All:  All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Pastor: Those who are weeping, God will console;
All:  Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Pastor: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All:  Ever-calling, Still-Speaking God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient, and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your church that will bring evermore joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus’ vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.

HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus ⁶

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ACT OF CONFESSION

Pastor: We want to be a church that is open to your transforming love, yet cling to our comfortable ways.

All:  Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Pastor: We want to honor your “still-speaking voice,” but are fearful of new insights, which challenge our old assumptions.

All:  Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Pastor: When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness or unity,

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but fail to listen to voices of difference:

**All:** Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (Based on Mark 10:46-52 and Hebrews 7:23-38)

**Liturgist:** Cheer up! On your feet! Jesus is still calling to us!
We trust in the One who has guided the church for two millennia.
Through Christ, God forgives us our failings,
and continues to call us into a community of mutual love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

**All:** Let us celebrate the mercy of God by greeting each other, from our seats of worship, with
a sign of God’s peace, using a genuine smile and the two-finger peace sign or a friendly
wave or nod, along with the words, “The peace of Christ with you.”

**HEBREW READING**
Jeremiah 31:7-9

**EPISTLE READING**
Hebrews 7:23-38

**GOSPEL READING**
Mark 10:46-52

**SERMON**
Moment by Moment
Rev. Laura C. Bair-Baker

**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**
As the Deer
Gary Berger, Vocalist

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**Liturgist:** Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given
us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with
a prayer and our spirits overflowing with heartfelt gratitude, commitment, and praise.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All:** Transform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send
them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world
you love. Amen.

**BENEDICTION** (Based Philippians 4:7)

**Pastor:** May the peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**All:** Amen.

**POSTLUDE**
Walk with the Lord Today (Little)

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1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
   lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
   From victory unto victory, His army shall He lead,  
   till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
   forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.  
   Ye who are brave now serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
   let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
   the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
   Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
   where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
   this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
   To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;  
   they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

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