September 5, 2021

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Time of Silence Prelude

I Know That My Redeemer Lives Will Benton, organist (Duke Street) David Christiansen

Pew Bible, N.T., page 40

10:30 am

Call to Worship

Here, in this place, we will not be afraid to sing the good news. We will praise our God, now and always.

Here, with these people, we will not fear living the good news.

We will walk with Jesus, as He comes with justice in His hands.

Here, in these moments, we will not be hesitant to tell the good news.

We will be open to all the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration Hymn No. 401

Here in This Place

Mark 7:24-37

Scripture Reading Call to Confession

Amidst all the choices we have to make, along all the paths we choose to walk, our decisions are not always God led. As those who want to follow Jesus, let us bring our lives and hearts to God, who is our help and hope, in this and every moment. Let us pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

We say that we are good listeners, God of holy ways, but we turn stopped up ears to the needy around us. We say that we live as Your people, but too often, we even put ourselves ahead of the people we love. We say that we are people of faith, but then try to overwhelm people with words, rather than acts of service.

We are so full of words, God of compassion, that we cannot hear You calling us to faithful living. Have mercy on us and send us out to offer kindness to the lonely. Have mercy on us and send us to be generous with the love You offer. Have mercy on us, so we might be open to all the chances we will have to follow, and to serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

While it is true that our God comes with justice, it is not to condemn; God's way brings hope, not a heavy hand; God loves us with grace, not grudges. This is the good news for us.

This is news to be shared: our God overflows with mercy, sets us free, watches over us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Response No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.



THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following Welcoming the Children, the children will proceed downstairs for a Bible lesson. The children will return after the sermon. The children's bulletin is available from the ushers, on the Park Lake website at plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 748, Tallis Canon

Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day, That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.

Scripture Reading Sermon	James 2:1-17 How Faith and Work Work		Pew Bible, N.T., page 215 Dr. Helen DeBevoise
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostl (Ecume		(page 17 Glory To God hymnal)
I believe in God, the Father A creator of heaven and eart		I believe in the F the holy catho	• • •
And in Jesus Christ, God's on who was conceived by the l born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pila was crucified, died, and wa he descended to the dead; the third day he rose again fr he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right har and he will come to judge t	Holy Spirit, te, s buried; rom the dead; nd of the Father,		s of sins,
Offertory	My Hope is Built Jeffrey St. Charles, soloist Will Benton, piano		arr. Tom Trenney
THE EUCHARIST			
The Celebration of the Lord's Supp Invitation Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Words of Institution Sharing of Bread and Cup Prayer after Communion	per		
Hymn No. 757 Charge and Benediction Postlude	Today We All Are Ca Toccata on "An Will Bentor	nazing Grace"	setting by J. Christopher Pardini

September Ushers are Justin Ingram, John Bowers, John Rogers, Vicki Nicoll and Mark Sonderman.

September Greeter is Doug Lawton

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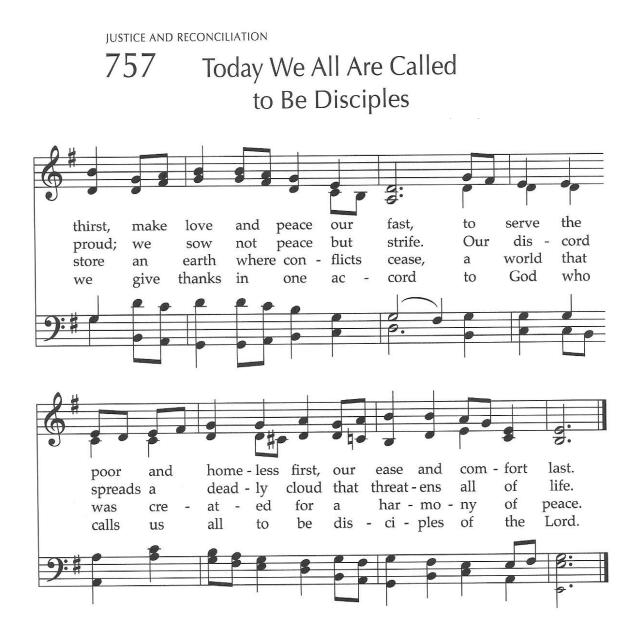
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SERVICE MUSIC



JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION





This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

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