



*"Zacchaeus, hurry and
come down, for I must
stay at your house today."*

LUKE 19:5

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 30, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you come to seek and save the lost. You cover us with mercy and uphold us in times of trouble. Even when evil is all around, you show us a vision of justice and empower us with your own Spirit, so that we do not lose hope. All thanks and praise to you, O God, for you come to save us and set us free. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Toccata in E Minor* Pachelbel
Dr. Terry McRoberts

CHORAL INTROIT *Sing a New Song to the Lord* Hopson
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: As Jesus called to Zacchaeus, so he calls to us.

ALL: *Jesus longs to abide with us.*

One: Here in this place, in our homes, and wherever the body of Christ is gathered,

ALL: *Jesus invites us, just as we are.*

One: Let us worship God, who calls us by name, who came to seek and save the lost.

ALL: *Let us praise God's name together!*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Psalm 32) *Rev. John White*

One: The psalmist reminds us: happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Freed from the burden of hiding our shame and sin, let us offer our prayer of confession to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Rev. John White*

Saving God, we confess that we are caught in systems of privilege and power, and escape can feel impossible. It is easier to give our sacrifices and offerings than to work to change the systems. We confess our complicity in injustice, our comfort in inequality and our ease in (continued)

stretching out hands in prayer rather than service. Forgive us, O, God. Strengthen us to answer Jesus's call to repentance, that we may learn to do good, seek justice and serve the oppressed. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: God's promises are sure, and God's faithfulness is from generation to generation.
We are forgiven and reconciled by the grace of Jesus Christ. Salvation is here!
ALL: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: *And, also, with you.*

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
FPC Chancel Choir | Annika Jerge, soloist

arr. by Patterson

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

RESTORATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 192)*

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 19:1-10 (pg. 82)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Today, Salvation Has Come to this House

Rev. Courtney Bowen



RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Declaration of Faith* *Rev. John White*
*We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.
Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love siblings whom we see, we
cannot love God whom we do not see.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew,
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING *Rev. John White*
OFFERTORY *It is Well with My Soul* arr. by Limbaugh
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
*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.*

*Dedicatory Prayer *Rev. John White*

***HYMN: 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

SENDING

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude
as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go with Us Lord* Tallis
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Poco vivace* Schroeder
Dr. Terry McRoberts