

Worship for October 20, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim...

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

**let us marvel at the stars that fill it.**

God raised mountains above the depths;

**let us gather in wonder before them.**

\*Hymn 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Confession

**O, Lord, you have taught us that whoever wishes to become great  
must be a servant,**

**and whoever seeks to be first  
must be last and servant of all.**

**Still, O Lord, we are like James and John,  
seeking seats of glory.**

**We organize our lives around ladders to climb,  
not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way,  
for the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

\*Hymn Take, O Take Me As I Am

Assurance of Forgiveness

Now stand firm in your faith,

covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

First Reading Psalm 91

Time With Our Young Disciples

Gospel Reading Mark 10: 35-45

Morning Message

\*Hymn 644 Give Thanks, O Christian People  
\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed p. 35  
\*Hymn Gloria Patri

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory

\*Hymn Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**To you, O God, we offer our lives-  
in times of abundance and in times of scarcity.  
All that we have and all that we are testify to our great thanksgiving  
for the treasure of your grace.  
Take and use us for good in the world that you so love.  
In Jesus' name and for his glory. Amen.**

\*Hymn 314 Christ, Be Our Light  
\*Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord  
with heart and soul and mind and strength,  
and to love your neighbor as yourself. Amen.