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☞ Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ☞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • OCTOBER 22, 2023 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN

I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY  
LBW #188, vs. 1-4

BAPTISM

JAYE MARTIN COLLINS

BAPTISMAL HYMN

I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY  
LBW #188, vs. 5

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 40:28-31

R: Our First Lesson for this Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost is from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah.

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-21

R: Our Second Lesson is from the third chapter of the letter to the Philippians.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### ✠ ALLELUIA VERSE

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

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## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 14:25-35

WL: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

WL: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You O Christ!**

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

## ✠ MESSAGE HYMN

KEEP ON SERVING

*Words are printed below*

*Music is printed in the Weekly News handout*

*Repeat the chorus after the cantor introduces it,  
then sing the chorus after the cantor sings each verse*

*CHORUS*

**Keep on serving, keep on sharing,  
Keep on loving, keep on caring,  
Keep on dreaming, keep on daring,  
Keep on joyfully listening and bending and lifting and bearing.  
Keep on serving.**

*CANTOR:*

*Keep living your life knowing death cannot win.  
Keep dying your death knowing Christ lives within.  
Keep rising by grace from the depths of the grave,  
Keep trusting anew in God's power to save.  
Then step out with joy as a captive who's freed  
To reach out with love to God's creatures in need,  
To shout words of hope to a desperate world that needs  
someone to be God's living seed. **CHORUS***

*Keep laying your sins at the foot of the cross.  
Keep offering there all your heartache and loss.  
Keep watching with wonder the burdens Christ bears.  
Keep hearing with joy the forgiveness God shares.  
Then willingly take up the cross Jesus bore.  
With words of forgiveness relations restore.  
With deeds of compassion live lives full of witness  
to glorify God forevermore. **CHORUS***

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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## ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

## ✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMN

TASTE AND SEE

*by the Parish Choir and Congregation*

**Taste and see. Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.**

**Oh, taste and see. Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

*The cantor will sing the verses.*

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: **Amen.**

## ✝ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, you have fed us with the bread of life. Strengthened by this food, empower us to take up your cross and follow where you lead. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

## ✝ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✝ SENDING HYMN      LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING  
LBW 259

## ✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

# TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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### BE NOT AFRAID

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### TASTE AND SEE

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