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August 1, 2021
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

REFLECTION

The first nine verses of the thirteenth chapter of Luke are either sweet or sour, depending on how you look at them. On the one hand, it's sour news that all human beings are sinners who will perish unless they repent. On the other hand, it's sweet news that accidents and tragedies are not punishments for sin.

~ Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie

PRELUDE

"Where He Leads Me"

arr. Cindy Berry

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, because we seek our God.

**Every morning, every day, every evening,
every moment, God is with us.**

We come, because we hunger for Christ.

**Jesus will feed us with hope,
will replace our emptiness with grace.**

We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.

**Who fills our yearning for peace,
who ends the drought of justice.**

SUMMER HYMN SING (*Online Requests*)

"Be Thou My Vision" (Hymn No. 450, St. 1 & 3)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence thy light.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Hymn No. 700, St. 1 & 4)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (Hymn No. 724, St. 1 & 4)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend,
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

God who Made us and Longs for us, we confess that our own desires have led us astray. We have consumed more than we need and have found ourselves wanting. We see only what we lack, instead of all the blessings we have. We mistake blessings as possessions and wealth, rather than understanding the blessing of Your love, grace, justice, mercy, and peace in our lives. Forgive us for our misguided ways. Forgive us for our wrong definitions. Call us into the path of gentle correction, that we may strive to live out Your ways of love and justice, to mold our desires to be what You desire for the world, so we might love one another and become the Beloved Community on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In every moment, Jesus seeks what is best for us, continually offering us peace, hope, and forgiveness.

We will bless our Lord in every moment, rejoicing with the One who fills us with steadfast love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”
Glory be to the Father, and the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:18-25

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-5

SERMON

“You Asked for It: Good & Evil in Life”

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

arr. Mark Hayes

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN NO. 595

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord!

ARGENTINE SANTO

CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

HYMN NO. 604

“Lamb of God”

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace; grant us peace.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, send us out to share our gifts with others. Jesus, send us out to find those who are thirsty and hungry, for grace and care. Holy Spirit sends us out to search for those who long for community. Finding them, help us build lasting communities of care. In Jesus name, Amen.

HYMN No. 761, St. 1 & 4

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ’s service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God’s chosen end.

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Susan Jones
Jessica Goodson, Piano
Micki Hardenberg, Cantor
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers