



The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
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September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

"In a world so torn apart by rivalry, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds." ~ Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE

"Lord of the Dance"

arr. Joel Raney

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many things you could be doing this morning, but you have chosen to join worship:

where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

We come to this time—full of music, of words, of prayer— yet also filled with danger:

where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

We come to our Lord's presence, where we talk about and with God,

and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.

****HYMN No. 343, St. 1 - 4**

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

GERMANY

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness,
From human grief and burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you
Still holds the freshness of your grace;
Yet long these multitudes to view
The sweet compassion of your face.

OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you receive us into this time, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

****HYMN No. 343, St. 1 - 4**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

GERMANY

O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love,
And follow where your feet have trod;
Till glorious from your heaven above
Shall come the city of our God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children in kindergarten – 7th grade may exit the sanctuary for Sunday School.

HYMN No. 175, No. 1

“See Ye First”

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deacon Coat Drive

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

“Body Parts and Body Wholeness”

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN**

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

(GIA: Gather #280)

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;
Work for the Kingdom of justice,
Hope for the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;
Work for the Kingdom of justice,
Hope for the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;
Work for the Kingdom of justice,
Hope for the City of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Pray for the Kingdom of peace;
Work for the Kingdom of justice,
Hope for the City of God!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen

****HYMN No. 748**

"Go with Us, Lord"

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.

****BENEDICTION**

****Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Susan Jones
Noel Piercy
Alan Smulen, Cantor & Soloist
Jessica Goodson, Flute
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers