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Mindy Tracy (2024)

William Wetmore (2025)

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 24, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

*"Higher Ground"*

arr. Prentiss

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord you call us to come and work in your vineyard;

**ALL: THERE WE WILL GIVE WHAT WE HAVE TO GIVE.**

One: Many will come later and join the work;

**ALL: WE KNOW WE WILL ALL RECEIVE WHAT WE NEED.**

One: Remind us again to find grace in our purpose;

**ALL: REMIND US AGAIN TO PUT ASIDE OUR PETTY DESIRES FOR FAIRNESS.**

One: Do not let us despise your righteous generosity;

**ALL: HELP US TO REJOICE AND SING PRAISES IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE BELOVED.**

\*HYMN

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

No. 439

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Lord, we lay down our fear;

**ALL: SHOW US WHAT COURAGE IS.**

One: Lord, we lay down our resentment;

**ALL: SHOW US HOW GRACE FEELS.**

One: Lord, we lay down our jealousy;

**ALL: SHOW US WHAT PEACE CAN DO.**

One: Lord, we put our sins behind us;

**ALL: SHOW US FORGIVENESS AND MERCY.**

*Silent Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

**PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 4: 1-11

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND HEALING

OFFERTORY

*"Above All"*

See insert

\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### **THE WORD**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20: 1-16

SERMON

*Just Fair*

Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

### **SENDING**

\*HYMN

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

No. 138

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"No, Not One!"*

arr. Parks

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

\*Please stand if able.

### **FIRST READING: JONAH 4: 1-11**

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

## **SECOND READING: MATTHEW 20: 1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MEALS FOR LIFESTYLES**

Help feed the homeless and the hungry. GSPC would like to provide meals to the Lifestyles Homeless shelter and day center in White Plains on a regular basis. Our goal is at least once a month, but more would definitely be welcome. We need people who can plan and organize a meal for around 20 people. We also need people to help out with supplies, prep, packing and clean up. If you're a chef, you can sign up for a convenient day, if you're a willing helper, jump in and join a team. The first chance is on September 24 and will be organized by Sandy Webb. Sign-up sheets in the Narthex as always.

### **ORNAMENT WORKSHOP WITH THE CRAFTERS**

The Crafters would like to invite you to another work day on September 28<sup>th</sup> (10-3PM). Terri Tipsword will lead us in an ornament making/wreath and small Christmas tree decorating activity for new items to sell at the bazaar. Please consider being part of this crafting session.

### ***“Above All”***

Above all powers, above all kings,  
above all nature and all created things,  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man;  
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
above all wonders the world has ever known.  
Above all wealth and treasure of the earth;  
there's no way to measure what You're worth.

### **Chorus:**

**Crucified and laid behind a stone,  
You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall and thought of me above all.**

(repeat all)

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The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by Sally Brandt  
in celebration of family birthdays.

The flowers in the Narthex this morning are given by Jim Kriebel  
in loving memory of his wife, Peg.

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**Today's Volunteers:** ***Greeters:*** Mindy Tracy;  
***Acolyte:*** Ella Luton; ***Ushers:*** Paul Hilliard and Bill Wetmore;  
***Scripture Reader:*** Charlotte Mandragos

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**TODAY**

Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:00 AM  
Worship Service at 10:00 AM

**THIS WEEK**

Mon. (Sept 25): 10:30 AM – Crafters  
Tues. (Sept. 26): 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study  
Wed. (Sept. 27): 11:00 AM – Wednesday Bible Study  
With Reverend Mark  
Thurs. (Sept. 28): 10-3PM – Ornament Workshop w/ The Crafters

*Worship Service Notes*

