

October 10, 2021 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: "Lord, Fill My Heart with Your Pure Light"

Lord, fill my heart with your pure light.

Remember me, your faithful child.

I hear you calling in the night.

Lord, please be near me for a while.

"Free my people!" God told Moses. "Raise your staff and lead my people home!"

Lord, all the world belongs to you.

We travel through for just a time.

I know that all is yours, not mine.

Use me to let your pure light shine.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 405 - "Praise God for This Holy Ground"

Praise God for this holy ground,

place and people, sight and sound.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul, and mind. (Refrain)

Praise God who through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God's own. (Refrain)

Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks, and mends. (Refrain)

Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God's will is gladly done. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of all things,

We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. We have forgotten who we are and whose we are. We have neglected our connection with all of humanity. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Forgive us for the times we stay silent when we ought

to speak, and when we fail to listen to the voices of the long-silenced. Forgive us.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

AMEN.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 59 – “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:58 and Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15;
4:10-17

SERMON: “Who do you think I am?”

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 52 - “When Israel was in Egypt’s Land”

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh:
let my people go!

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,
"Let my people go!
If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead.
Let my people go!"

(Refrain)

"No more shall they in bondage toil:
let my people go!
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil:
let my people go!"

(Refrain)

O let us all from bondage flee;
let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free:
let my people go!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

When Abraham's descendants were slaves in Egypt, God heard their cries and prayers. God remembered his promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage.

We declare God's steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can be trusted to keep promises.

The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free.

HOUSE CHURCH CALLING - SANCTUARY HOUSE CHURCH

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: No. 607 (tune 606) – “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: No. 747 - “The Lord Now Sends Us Out”

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live.

Enviado soy de Dios,
mi mano lista está
para construir con él
un mundo fraternal.

Los ángeles no son
enviados a cambiar
un mundo de dolor
por un mundo mejor;
me ha tocado a mí
hacerlo realidad.
Ayúdame, Señor,
a hacer tu voluntad.

The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today.

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 853 – “We Are Marching in the Light of
God”

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

