



Order of Service for Sunday, October 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

***= stand if you wish, and are able.**

Thank you for joining us today.

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Prelude, *Taste and See*, Peter Black

(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

Introit, *Sabbath*, Robin and Shirley Lawson

Call to Worship (Psalm 34)

One: I will bless our God at all times.

Many: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: My soul makes its boast in God;

Many: Let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify God with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Many: I sought God, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

One: Look to God, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

Many: My soul cried, and was heard by God, and I was saved from every trouble.

One: O taste and see that God is good;

Many: Happy are those who take refuge in God. Amen.

One: You make the winds your messengers.

Many: Fire and flame are your ministers.

One: O God, how manifold are your works!

Many: Bless God, O my soul. Praise be to God!

Opening Hymn, *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (Black New Century Hymnal No.551)

Unison Prayer

All-seeing God, be Thou my vision. As I focus my thoughts on the unconditional love You have for me and for others, I feel a shift in my vision of life. Rather than focusing only on what I think I lack, I find so much to be grateful for instead. Help me this day to see with new eyes, to see more clearly with eyes of gratitude and love. Help me to look for the good in each person and situation. May I view the world through the lens of love and forgiveness. I know that I will see more clearly when I see through the eyes of love. Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

***Passing the Peace** *Spirit, Fill Me*

*Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace,
fill me with your joy and your love.
Spirit come and show me, show me how to care,
show me how to share your light.
Help me give my hand to those in need,
let my heart be open to receive.
When we share your love, we can work together
to heal this broken world.
Spirit come and fill us, fill us with your peace,
fill us with your joy and your love,
Spirit come and show us, show us how to care,
show us how to share your light.*

Words of Integration & Guidance by Richard Mekdeci

Jesus never took credit for his healing miracles. The woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment was healed without his intervention. He told her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well." The man at the pool of Bethesda was asked, "Do you want to be made well?"- indicating that the man had to take part in his own healing. Similarly, the centurion who asked for his daughter to be healed was told, "Let it be done to you according to your faith." And, in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the blind man, "Go, for your faith has made you well." In our current understanding of the nature of God, our relationship with God, and our own nature, we see that healing is not given to us by any outside power or entity. Healing is brought forth or "revealed" according to one's faith. How does one acquire faith powerful enough to heal oneself? For healing to occur, we need only have the same faith in our own divine nature that we would have placed in Jesus himself. Jesus said, "These and greater things YOU can do." He knew his job was not to heal but to inspire healing by his example. The healing miracles in the Bible are possible to anyone who has the same faith in themselves to heal as those in the Bible stories had in Jesus to heal them. We are not made whole by some mystical outside power, but by our own faith.

Be Thou My Vision

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: One: A Reading of Scripture from Jeremiah 31:7-9

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52

Many: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

"Seeing With New Eyes," Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory

Open My Eyes"

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Songwriter: Jesse Manibusan

Open My Eyes

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: **Alleluia!**

One: O God,

Many: **Hear our prayer.**

***Doxology** *Give Thanks to the Lord*

***Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good
and God's mercy shall endure.***

***For God alone has done marv'ulous things,
give thanks unto the Lord.***

***God made the earth and heaven
with a strong and mighty hand.***

***God has moved us to sing, proclaim this song!
Give thanks unto our God.***

***Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is good to give God thanks & praise

***Creation's Praise** *Sanctus (Patriquin)*

*Holy holy holy,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes,
who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the high – est!*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

Thy Kin-dom Come

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer**

Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere,
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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** *I'm So Glad*, (Black New Century Hymnal No.474)

***Benediction**

Postlude *I've Been Changed*, Peter Black

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