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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST // ONLINE SERVICE

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Please enjoy listening to the choir who will sing on your behalf.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer
Accompanist

OPENING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SJU Chancel Choir

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I'm come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God.

He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

CALL TO WORSHIP

It was easy to come to worship this morning.

We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.

How hard it is to enter God's kingdom.

We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.

Get ready. God is waiting for you.

Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance.
Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for
we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

ANTHEM

Hear My Voice, O Lord

SJU Chancel Choir

Hear my voice, O Lord
Hear when evil befalls
When I ask for mercy, answer my call.
Lead me on a level path and teach me your way.
Do not hide your face from me
For it is your face that I seek

The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
The Lord is my strength, my rock and shelter
My God in whom I trust

In the day of trouble, keep my heart from fear
When I feel forsaken, remind me, Lord, you are near.
I will always praise you, giving thanks with a joyful song
For I have seen, O Lord, your goodness
And I will serve you all my life long.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17 – 31

TIME WITH CHILDREN

“Who Wants to Have It All?”

Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan

MESSAGE

“ENOUGH”

Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan

CALL TO GENEROSITY

With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord.
Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you
promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven. Take what we offer and use it for
the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so
graciously give to us. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

CLOSING SONG

The Summons

SJU Chancel Choir

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

You have been made free by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into the world to serve God by helping others. Be at peace and bring God's peace and love with you wherever you go. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

Patricia Hammer
accompanist

Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible

Mark 10:17 – 31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God, all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”