



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

20th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 6th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

INTROIT Seek The Lord

Hal H. Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP – based on Psalm 26

**One:** Lord, defend me because I have lived an innocent life. I have trusted the Lord and never doubted.

**All: Lord, try us and test us; look closely into our hearts and minds.**

**One:** I raise my voice in praise and tell of all the miracles you have done. I love the temple where you live, where your glory is.

**All: Lord, we stand in a safe place. We praise you in the great meeting.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN PH #630 BH #306 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
God Has Spoken by His Son

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Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right

hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### Exaltation through Abasement

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

**ANTHEM**     “On Eagles Wings”

Arr. Edwin Earle Ferguson

**SECOND LESSON:** Mark 10:2-16

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Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

### **Jesus Blesses Little Children**

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**SERMON**

“Coke Isn’t”

Pastor Glenn Grant

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### **A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

#### **A MINUTE FOR MISSION**

#### **OFFERING**

Give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Let us joyfully worship the God who made us, sustains, and equips us for ministry. Let us pray...

May all things praise you, Lord! May our joys and our sorrow all work to your glory and good will. May our gifts now be dedicated to your mission in this world. Amen.

*(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)*

*Will the Ushers please come forward.*

#### **DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

#### **THE SETTING OF THE TABLE**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION:

We live in a hard-hearted world: We hear, “*You are going to see the largest deportation of immigrants.*”

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. (Lev. 19:33-4)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**Loving God, whose love is beyond our understanding, forgive us for taking our relationships too lightly, for treating those close to us with coldness, for treating the stranger with contempt. We have not loved wholeheartedly; we have not guarded our words as we should; we have refused to let the interests of others interfere with our own self-interest. Teach us through the example of Jesus how to love, how to share, how to be in community with others. Amen.**

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
 Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
 Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
 Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
 The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
 Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

#### COMMUNION

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****SHARING THE FEAST****COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**HYMN PH #188 BH #304**      “Jesus Loves Me”

**CHARGE**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**      Whatever You Do

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**POSTLUDE**

**May the Peace of Christ be with you...  
...And also with you!**