

## SUNDAY BULLETIN



OCTOBER 10, 2021

"I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK...", SECOND SUNDAY

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Angie

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Angie

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Angie / Liturgist

Liturgist: What a joy it is for the children of God truly to see and know one another.

Pastor: It takes curious hearts, open minds, and intentional, ongoing effort for this to happen.

Liturgist: So, in that vein, I've been meaning to ask...

Pastor: where are you from?

ALL: We are from north and south. We come from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

Liturgist: We are from this city and from others near and far away. We are from big families and dinners made for one.

**ALL: We are from stages of grief and stages of love. We are from hot summers and cold winters.**

Pastor: We are from kitchens with passed-down recipes, and front porches with old, familiar swings.

**ALL: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky. We are from a lot of places, and today, we are here.**

Liturgist: Today we are together.

**ALL: God has gathered us together for praise, worship, and growing relationships.**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Angie

**OPENING HYMN #15**

*"All Creatures of Our God and King," vs. 1-4*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Angie

Leader: When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

**People: We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.**

Leader: Can anything good come from that side of town? From a school with poor test scores? From a criminal history? From the opposite political party? From a history of addiction? From a faith with doubt? From a church with faults?

**ALL: Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times. Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is.**

Sing #695, "Change My Heart O God"

(Moment of contemplative confession.)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AT THE FONT**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Minister: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Minister: Greet one another with a wave of Christ's peace.

**PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #406**      *We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are  
angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing  
in his presence on holy ground.*

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 2: 4b-15

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 1: 35-51

**SERMON**

*"I've Been Meaning to Ask...Where Are You From?"*

Rev. Angie

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Liturgist

**We believe that goodness can come from the dirt, that faith can come from doubt, that minds can be changed, that justice can begin with us, and that something good *can* come from Nazareth.**

**We believe all these things, because we believe that God is more expansive than we have words for—showing up in the corners of our world so often ignored and denied. We believe**

that from this place of holy surprise, God invites us forward—beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us. “Come and see,” God says. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Angie

...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.

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

Liturgist

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Liturgist

**\*CLOSING HYMN #317** *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Rev. Angie / Liturgist

Leader: Within this building and within our community,

**People: we all are a family connected by God’s Spirit.**

Leader: As we leave this place, may God grant us the curiosity to counter assumptions,

**People: the vulnerability to befriend,**

Leader: the bravery to speak your truth,

**People: the wisdom to listen,**

Leader: the strength to ask for help,

**People: the resiliency to choose love, even when it’s hard,**

Leader: and the awareness of the Holy Spirit

**People: always within and around us. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** *“We Are One in the Bond of Love / Blest Be the Tie”* O. Skillings, H. G. Nagel/  
M. Ham

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**Participants in worship:**

Rev. Angie Mabry

Kurt Thomas– Liturgist/Cantor

Marcy Lasseter – Organist/Pianist

Greeters – Terri Mack and Harold Meyer

Richard Klein, David Buyze – A/V

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