

**PRELUDE, GATHERING, *Lead Me, Lord* 473**  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Heb. 4:14  
We DO have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens:  
Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen

**CHOIR** *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* **399**

**SERMON**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Ps 136* *dwh*

The Steadfast Love of the Lord endures forever!

**HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **400**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *Psalm 119:105* *dwh*

Gracious God, we join the psalmist declaring,  
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"  
As we hear the Scriptures read and proclaimed today,  
may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit.  
May our lives and actions reflect the light of Christ  
your Word incarnate, that others also may follow. Amen.

**HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **526**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -**

**SCRIPTURE** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**HYMN** *Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said* **415**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** *FotW (alt)*

God of justice and mercy, we confess that  
we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last.  
We do what we can, what we must, to "get ahead"  
and pushing aside any in our way,  
the needy become ignored.  
O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our failures.  
Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy.  
Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

{silent prayers}

**INTERCESSIONS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,  
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

## DOXOLOGY

### PRAYER

Mark 10:21-30

FotW (alt)

Gracious God, we present these gifts and  
we renew our commitment to follow you faithfully.  
Give us the courage to fulfill your will  
so that with everything we do and say  
our lives may become a living offering  
and we may be worthy of being called your disciples.  
Amen.

### HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*      **474**

### SENDING

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*Christ calls each of us ... to walk by faith, not by sight,  
to hope for what we have not seen.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

Amen

### POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*      **577**

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## **Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures**

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary*

**Year B – October 13, 2024**

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### **Scriptures**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17                      and Psalm 22:1-15  
    or Amos 5:6-7, 10-15              and Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16                      and Mark 10:17-31

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Thinking of Job - How do you talk to God when you feel that God is not listening?

For the prophet Amos, the city gate (Amos 5:10, 12, 15) is a place of judgment: a place to discern and decide between good and evil, justice and injustice, righteousness and sin.

Jesus has similar things to say about entrance into the kingdom of God (Mark 10:23-25): a difficult choice is required— letting go of privilege, power, and possessions.

What have you left behind to follow Jesus?

How would you describe what Bonhoeffer calls “the cost of discipleship”?

How can you be a better disciple, considering the radical words of Jesus in Mark that you have to sell all you own, give the money to the poor, and then follow him?

### **Morning Prayers:**

Steadfast, loving God, in the morning I sing your praise.  
Give me wisdom for this day  
    and rejoice in me, as I rejoice in you. Amen.

As I open my eyes, I want to feel your Word,  
    living and active and guiding my way.  
I want to live knowing that what is impossible for me  
    is possible for you.  
I want to live with the certitude  
    that those who are first will be last,  
    and the last will be first.  
Give me the courage and the hope  
    to live with your words in my mind  
    for the rest of the day.  
In Jesus Christ, my teacher, I pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayers:**

Steadfast, loving God, in the evening I bless your name.  
Give me grace for this night  
    and abide with me, as I abide in you. Amen.

As I lay down to rest, I look at the times in my day  
    when my heart has felt like fainting,  
    and I have felt like arguing,  
but I do so with the understanding  
    that even in my deepest sorrow you were with me.  
Thank you, God, for understanding  
    and for helping this human being who, if imperfectly,  
    strives to seek out your face, to follow your will,  
    and to understand your Word.  
Give me the rest I need to live  
    day by day and step by step.  
In the name of my example and my strength,  
    Jesus Christ. Amen.