

PRELUDE, GATHERING, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 103

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Fall Back." November 2nd

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *This Is My Father's World* 144

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION TMO (alt), via PO

God of Wisdom and Grace, you continue to speak
through the Scriptures read and proclaimed.
Prepare us now to listen well. Open our ears to your truth.
Humble us in your presence
so nothing will stand in the way of what you say to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 53:6-12
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

HYMN
CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE TMO, via PO

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear.
We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions,
 our prideful arrogance
that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word.
Although you send us messages and messengers,
we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong.
 Have mercy upon us, Holy God.
Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed.

{silent prayers}

Presbyterian Book of Common Worship, via PO
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.*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen

CHOIR *For the Beauty of the Earth* **92**

SERMON

HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* **154**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -

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.*

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PRAYER

Heb. 5:1-10

FotW

Holy God, we give you thanks
for all your gifts of goodness and grace.
Receive these gifts from our hands
as a sacrifice of praise to you
and teach us to honor you each day
by our obedience to your will;
through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* 731

SENDING

Mark 10:45; Job 38

FotW

The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served.

Let us follow Christ's example,
and give our all to God and one another.

*May the knowledge and love of the one
who knit the earth together
rest with you and give you strength to help others,
for the glory of God.*

Amen

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 89

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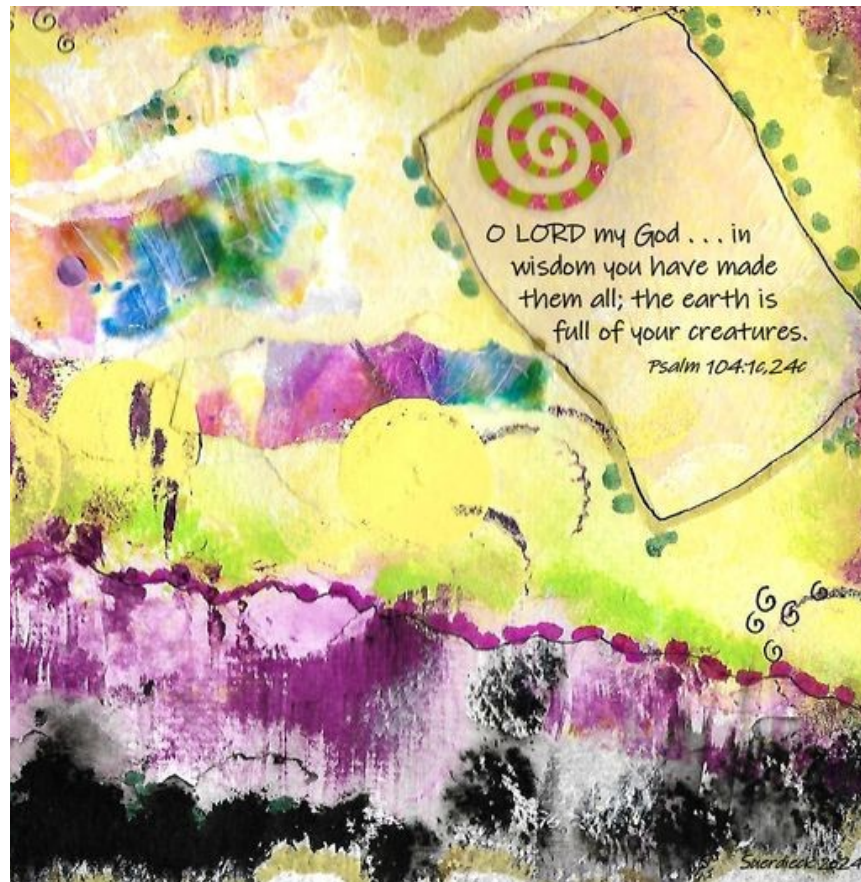
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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

Job 38:1-7 (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
 or Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10 and Mark 10:35-45

Questions for Reflection:

James and John, elsewhere called “Sons of Thunder”
(see Mark 3:17), ask to sit at Jesus’ side and share in
his glory (Mark 10:35-37). Jesus, in turn, asks
whether they are able to drink his cup or be baptized
with his baptism (Mark 10:38).

*compare Matthew 20:20ff, and 23:1-9
 also Luke 22:25ff*

Isaiah’s song of the Suffering Servant has similar
themes: “Therefore I will allot him a portion with the
great . . . because he poured out himself to death”
 (Isa. 53:12).

What does it mean to share in Christ’s glory?

What does it mean to share in his cup or his baptism?

What can you do to seek God’s wisdom?

How can you be a better servant?

Morning Prayers:

Gracious God, keep me humble throughout the day.
Help me to seek your wisdom
 as I stand in service to others.
In your name I pray. Amen.

Lord Most High, guard my way
and guide my steps this day,
that I may serve you faithfully
and trust in your salvation. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Loving God, thank you for keeping me today.
Thank you for the awesome works
 you have blessed my eyes to see.
Continue to bless my community and me
 throughout the night. In the name of Jesus I pray.
 Amen.

Lord Most High, be my light
 and shelter me this night,
that I may know your faithfulness
 and rest in your salvation. Amen.