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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 23, 2011

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

**8:00am**  
WELCOME

**HYMN: #451 “Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus”**

**INVOCATION:**

P. O Lord, open my lips,  
C. AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE  
P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
C. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

**CONFESSION OF SIN:** *(Selected verses from Psalm 25)*

P. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
C. IN YOU I TRUST, O MY GOD.  
P. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.  
C. REMEMBER NOT THE SINS OF MY YOUTH AND MY REBELLIOUS WAYS;  
P. According to your love remember me,  
C. FOR YOU ARE GOOD, O LORD.  
P. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
C. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NAME, O LORD, FORGIVE MY INIQUITY, THOUGH IT IS GREAT. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**SONG: “You Are My All in All”**

1. You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All.

*Chorus:* Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All. When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All! *(Repeat chorus)* (C. 1990 Shepherd's Heart Music. Used by permission. CCLI #1561573)

**PRAYER**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

*I* The word of the LORD came to me: 2 “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: ”“The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? 3 “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. 4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die. 25 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? 26 If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die. 27 But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. 28 Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? 30 “Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. 31 Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 21:28-32

28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ 29 ”‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

**RESPONSE:** *(From Psalm 25)*

P. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

C. GUIDE ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE GOD MY SAVIOR.

**HYMN: “Praise and Thanksgiving” (LW 403)**

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer; For all things living, Created good;

Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve you; That with our neighbor we may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, We would work with you, Harvesting, milling, For daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, By your wise guiding, teach us to share.

One with another, so that rejoicing; with us, all others, May know your care.

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**PRAYER:**

P. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God,

C. YOU HAVE BROUGHT US IN SAFETY TO THIS NEW DAY.

P. Preserve us with your mighty power,

C. THAT WE MAY NOT FALL INTO SIN NOR BE OVERCOME IN ADVERSITY.

P. In all we do,

C. DIRECT US TO THE FULFILLING OF YOUR PURPOSE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST  
OUR LORD. AMEN.

**SERMON:** Philippians 2:1-11 **"Others First?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**SONG: “Make Me a Servant”**

Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, Make me a servant today. *(Repeat)*

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**OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)*

**SPECIAL PRAYERS**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**BLESSING:**

P. May the Lord keep us in his grace by the continued work of the Holy Spirit.

C. MAY HE LEAD US TO GREATER FAITH AND OBEDIENCE, AND BRING US TO  
LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD IN WHOM WE  
TRUST AND PRAY. AMEN.

**HYMN: #50 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”** (1<sup>st</sup> tune)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE**

**PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

**Philippians 2:1-11**

**"Others First?"**

*1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

1. Why is it hard to imagine a life where people think of others first?

2. In the midst of our self-centeredness, how does Jesus give us:

A. Encouragement?

B. Comfort?

C. Fellowship?

D. Tenderness and compassion?

3. Jesus' life is always the starting point for \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Why can't we get rid of our sinful attitudes?

5. How does Jesus affect change in people's lives who don't believe in him?

6. In what way are we like-minded, have the same love, and one in spirit and purpose as God's people?

7. What makes us so sure Jesus will help us be less self-centered?

8. Why can the apostle Paul instruct us to think of others first before our self?

9. Why don't we have to worry about getting short-changed on blessings if we think of others needs first?