

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

October 27, 2024

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 697 **Take My Life** (vv. 1-3)

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*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: **We choose the living God.**

Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.

People: **We will walk the way of Christ.**

Leader: Faith is not about holding on.

People: **Faith is about letting go.**

Leader: We offer more than words, O God.

People: **We offer you our lives.**

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

God of all forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promise amid our own self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 716 **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

BEACH SPRING

Psalm 84 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 513-514 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

Romans 8:1-17 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 147-48 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

“What Is Success?”

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Reconnection and Welcoming New Members

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Response to God's Grace ~ **See oursunrise.org to give securely online**

(In the *Offering*, we dedicate our lives and a portion of the resources God has entrusted to us. Your gifts may be dedicated online, by mail, or in-person. There is an offering plate on the Communion Table for your weekly offering and a basket for your pledge cards.)

*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The 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.

*Hymn 697 **Take My Life** (vv. 4-6)

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*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.

What Is Success?

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and
Endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate the beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better,
Whether by a healthy child,
A garden patch
Or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
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