



***The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

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*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

Whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all, for the Human One came not to be served but to serve.

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Ed

Introit "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" Chancel Choir
By Henry J. Gauntlett

***Call to Worship** Martha McMahon

God of all creation, we come to praise and worship you.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, making the clouds your chariot, and riding on the wings of the wind.

You set the earth on its foundations, hiding its depths with a watery cloak that moves in the rhythm of your breath.

In your wisdom, you have made us in your image, showing us glimpses of glory in the work of your hands.

God of life and love, we come to praise and worship you.

***Opening Prayer**

God of wind and water, God of love and compassion, God of all that is and all that ever shall be, when Job insisted he was innocent of every sin, you came to him in a whirlwind, and showed him the wonders of a world he had not made.

When James and John asked Jesus for power and glory, he told them that they would share in the bitter cup that he would drink, and in the baptism of suffering that he would endure for the world.

Remind us that we are members of the body of Christ, and that we are called to serve your creation in love and compassion. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #89

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Jesus came not to be served but to serve, so let us serve one another with signs of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you. The peace of Christ be with you always.

Children's Message Pastor Ed

Introit to Baptism Harlan Otter

***Baptism and Welcoming of New Members**



Ava Docktor, daughter of Joseph and Emily Docktor



WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Forgiveness Martha McMahon

God of love and compassion, you call us to lives of love and service, and to share in Christ's cup of compassion for the healing of the world.

Like Job, we complain about the unfairness of life, seeking explanations when we don't get everything we want.

Like James and John, we want to be first.

We want to win at the game of power and glory.

Forgive us when we forget that we are not the center of your great creation, and that you are the beginning and ending of all things. Amen

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "Whatever you do" #3128

***Gospel Reading** Mark 10:35-45 Martha McMahon

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

(Musical Interlude)

Reflecting on God's Message "Papa's Rule" Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering

musical selection by Harlan Otter

Offertory Anthem

“When in Our Music, God is Glorified”
(by Milburn Price)

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**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**

UMH # 95

Offering Prayer

Creator of all that is and all that ever shall be,
we offer you these gifts in gratitude
for placing us in a world
filled with wonder and beauty. Amen.

Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn**

“Are Ye Able?”

#530

Lord’s Prayer

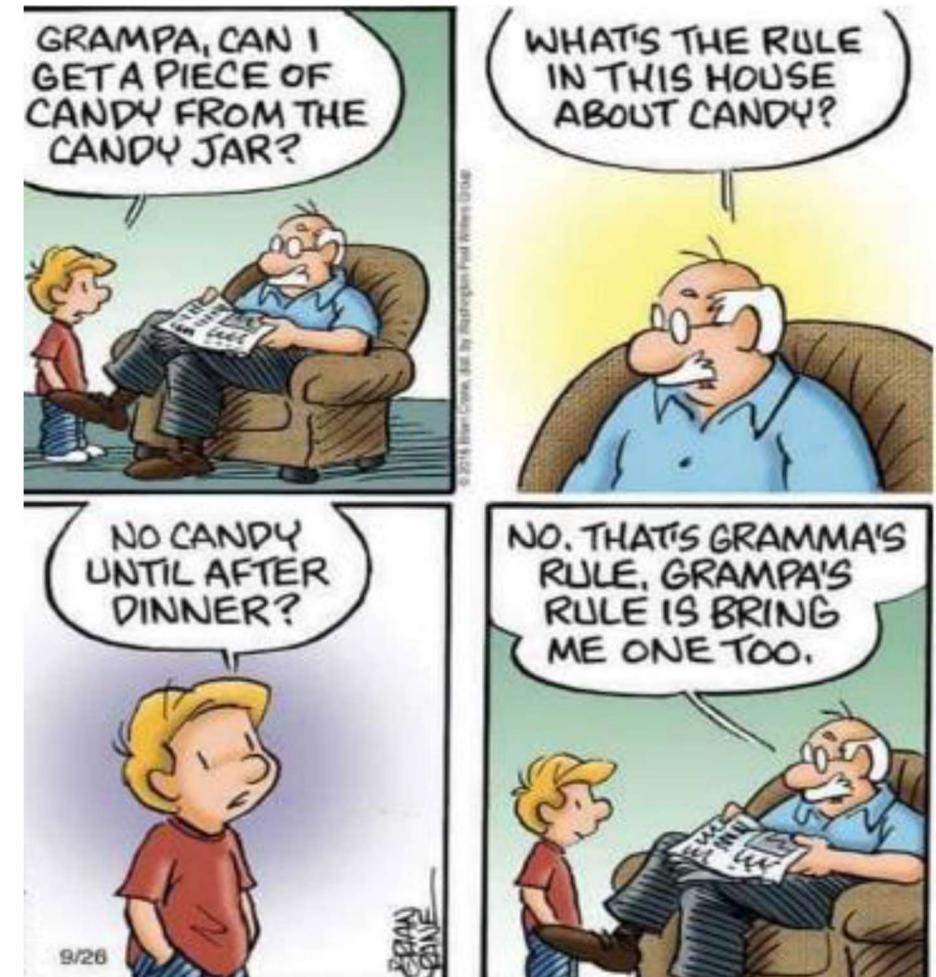
And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:
**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

Harlan Otter

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21st Sunday After Pentecost | 10.17.2021 | 9:30am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*