

you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother. We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you. Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*\*Hymn**

*“Gloria Patri”*

*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.”*

**\*\*The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

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**THE WORD**

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**Time with Our Youngest Saints**

**Unison Prayer for Understanding**

Your word, O God, is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. May your Word be for us today life and action, beacon and gavel. In the name of the Living Word we pray. Amen.

**The Reading from the Old Testament**

*Job 23:1-9, 16-17*

*See insert*

**The Reading from the Gospels**

**Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**A Gift of Music**

**Sermon**

**“Taken or Left?”**

**\*\*Hymn 339**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostles Creed**

**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.

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*THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

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**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

*"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.*

**Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*\*Hymn** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Amen.*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

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*THE SENDING*

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**\*\*Hymn 369** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*\*Postlude**

*\*\*please stand as you are able*

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# *First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster*

*Order of Worship for Sunday,  
October 13, 2024*

*The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

*Liturgist: Mr. Jim Bryant*

*Interim Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish*

*Ushers—Ms. Donna Arnold and Ms. Jo Marks*

*Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney*

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*Please silence electronic devices prior to worship.*

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*THE GATHERING*

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm 22:3–5*

**Liturgist:** God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**People:** **In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

**Liturgist:** To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**People:** **God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!**

**\*\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*\*Hymn 466**

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**\*\*Call to Confession**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

**We know the commandments: You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery;**