

**Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

**O God, your Word gives us counsel for our understanding. Enable us to receive it today, in the name of your son, our Lord. Amen.**

**The Reading from the Old Testament**

*Job 38:1-7, 34-41*

*<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?*

*<sup>34</sup>“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? <sup>35</sup>Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? <sup>36</sup>Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? <sup>37</sup>Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, <sup>38</sup>when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? <sup>39</sup>“Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, <sup>40</sup>when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? <sup>41</sup>Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?”*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**The Reading from the Gospels**

*Mark 10:35-45*

*<sup>35</sup>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.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>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?” <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>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.” <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**A Gift of Music**

**Sermon**

**“Be Careful What You Ask For”**

**\*\*Hymn 280**

**“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

**\*\*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 304** *"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"*

**\*\*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 20, 2024*

*The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Liturgist: Mr. Jim Bryant*

*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**

*Ps. 104:1-4*

Liturgist: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

People: **You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

Liturgist: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

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

**\*\*Hymn 276**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**\*\*Call to Confession**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**