

Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through 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.

THE WORD

Time with Our Youngest Saints

Unison Prayer for Understanding

Dear God, let us not only hear of you but see you with our own eyes through your Word. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

The Reading from the Old Testament

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

¹Then Job answered the LORD: ²“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’ ⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

¹⁰And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD

gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹²The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Reading from the Gospels

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Gift of Music

Sermon

“Blinded by the Obvious”

****Hymn 324**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

****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.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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**

THE SENDING

****Hymn 322** *"Spirit of the Living God"*

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

***please stand as you are able*



First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

*Order of Worship for Sunday,
October 27, 2024*

The Twenty-Third 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

Please silence electronic devices prior to worship.

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

****Call to Worship**

Ps. 34:1–3

Liturgist: I will bless the Lord at all times,

People: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

Liturgist: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Liturgist: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: let us exalt God's name together!

****Prayer of the Day**

****Hymn 482**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**