

**Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas**  
**First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX**  
**October 17, 2021**  
**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Chimes, the Flames, and the Waters**  
**Greetings and Announcements**  
**Minute for Mission - Gideon representative**  
(\*)-Stand if Able

**We Prepare to Receive the Word**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship - From Psalm 104 (responsive)**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**O LORD my God, you are very great.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;**  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**Praise the LORD!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise: #476 "O Worship the King"**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Creator, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples. [a moment for silent confession...] Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*The 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."**

**We Receive the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading - Job 38:1-7 (34-41)**

**Second Reading - Hebrews 5:1-10**

**\*Hymn: #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

**Gospel Reading - Mark 10: 35-45 (responsive)**

Leader 1: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said,

**People: Teacher, we want you to do us a favor.**

Leader 2: What is your request?

**People: When you sit on your glorious throne,**  
**we want to sit in places of honor next to you,**  
**one on your right and the other on your left.**

Leader 2: You don't know what you are asking!

Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?

Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"

**People: Oh yes, we are able!**

Leader 2: You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.

Leader 1: When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said,

Leader 2: You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**We Respond to the Word**

**\*The 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 at 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*The Doxology - Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn - #2130 (*Sing the Faith*) "The Summons"**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction response: #2164 (*Sing the Faith*) Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Opening prayer - Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website.

<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

Confession Call, Prayer, and Assurance - Thom M. Shuman and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Prayer of Illumination - Written by Michael Perry and posted on the Jubilate Group website. <http://www.jubilate.co.uk/>

Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/prayer-for-wisdom-job-38.html>.

Charge - Stephon Void [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)