

Welcome to Worship
October 1st, 2023

Prelude Heliotrope Bouquet ~ Scott Joplin

Gathering Hymn God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me~ ACS 1084

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, **you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading **Philippians 2:1-13**

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

We will read this lesson from the First Nations Version, a translation by indigenous people in N.A.

Word of God. Word of life
Thanks be to God

Psalm Psalm 25 (Show Me Your Way) ~ Shane Heilman (Grace Notes)

To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame^l who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and up-right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Hymn of the Day *All Belong Here~ The Many*

Musical Offering *This Little Light~ ~ Ryan Gregg (Grace Notes)*

Offertory Hymn *In the Singing ~ ELW 466*

Communion Hymn *Baptized in Water ~ ELW 456*

Sending Hymn *As You Go~ Sovereign Grace Music*

Postlude *The Entertainer ~ Scott Joplin*