



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 20, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Mark 10:35-45)

One: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

ALL: So let us follow Christ, not seeking glory, but ways to serve.

One: Called to worship, we bow humbly before our God.

ALL: So let us now worship our God together!

* HYMN #455 All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Book of Common Worship)

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

* 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.

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

(quotes Psalm 119:105)

Almighty God, we join the psalmist as we say, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of your Word that others may follow your path, also. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45

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." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 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?" 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; 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."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 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. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

SERMON

Not To Be Served, But To Serve

The Rev. David Annett



* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from Book of Common Worship; Philippians 2:5-11)*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

* **HYMN # 374** **Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

* **HYMN #369** **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* *Please stand in body or in spirit*




WELCOME TO CRANSTON! We send two emails each week to those interested: an invitation to worship and a summary of prayer concerns and announcements. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Pastor David Annett, by phone or at pastor@cranstonchurch.org. Considering Membership? Contact Pastor David Annett.

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SAVE THE DATE! The Cranston Halloween Party for the Village is Thursday, October 31, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This event has drawn a huge crowd each year in the past; we need your help to make it a success this year! Check with Amy Heekin or Shannon Martin to find out how you can be of help. Bring candy to share with the children to Fellowship Hall by Sunday, October 27.

THE CHIMES for November/December is taking shape. If you have a contribution for publication, please get it to Chris Torrey by today, Sunday, October 20!

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