

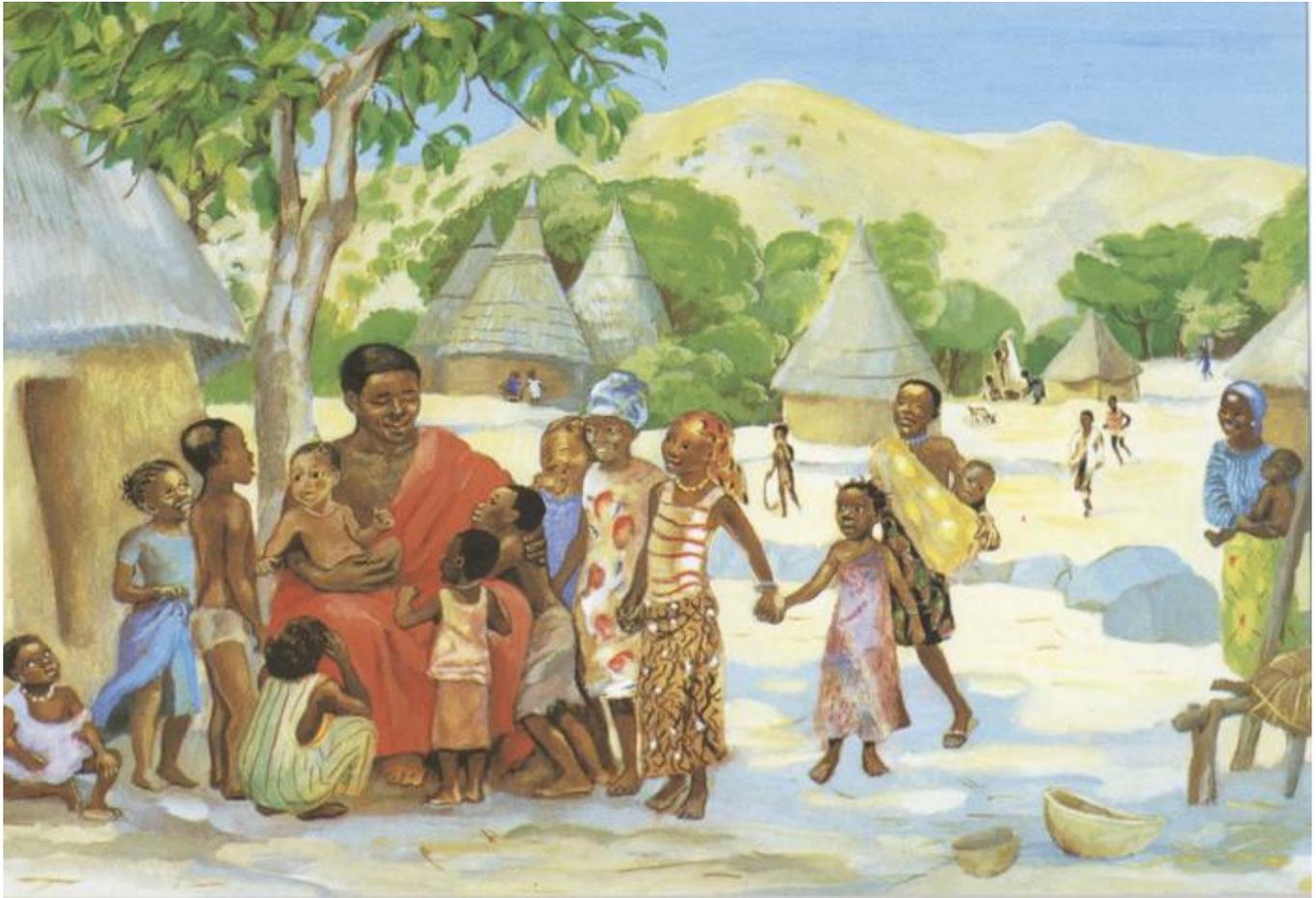


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Mark 10:2-16
19th Sunday after Pentecost

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister
* indicates for the congregation to stand as able

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! Helpful instructions for various parts of our worship will be included throughout this bulletin at relevant places. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter.

Please note that currently we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship, out of an abundance of love, respect and concern for those who are unvaccinated, especially our children. Thank you.

✠ Gathering ✠

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

You are invited to stand.

***GATHERING SONG**

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Refrain
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

You are invited to sit.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

1Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and sustains all things by his powerful word. When the Son had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

2:5Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere,
"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

7You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
8subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C: Alleluia. If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us. Alleluia.

***THE GOSPEL**

Mark 10:2-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

2Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" 3Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command you?" 4They said, "Moses allowed a husband to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." 5But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

10Then in the house the disciples asked Jesus again about this matter. 11He said to them, "Whatever man divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

13People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the dominion of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the dominion of God as a little child will never enter it." 16And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You are invited to sit.

SERMON

PASTOR MADELINE TALLMAN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SHARON IGOE VON BEHREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another. Please respect the boundaries of those present, as not everyone will be comfortable shaking hands or hugging yet.

☒ Meal ☒

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Rejoice Fellowship is blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be given in a few ways: 1) electronically by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/widget/v3/give.js?3>; 2) physical checks/cash can be placed in the plate as you enter our service this morning (please alert a greeter if you require assistance); 3) electronically by scanning the QR code at right to visit our donation page; and 4) physical checks/cash can be mailed to our office at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Thank you for opening your heart!



OFFERING PRAYER

C: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory... to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray,

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

While our practice is usually to include bread and a cup, we are following the guidance of our Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA and communing in "one kind," that is, just with bread for now. Our theological understanding of Holy Communion is that receiving one element, like simply the bread, is still receiving the entire sacrament. You are welcome to the table.

If you are joining us through Facebook Live, we invite you to gather your own bread and wine or juice to receive the sacrament with us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠Sending ✠

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

You are invited to stand.

***SENDING HYMN**

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

You are invited to sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION BUILDER UPDATE

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Thank you to all who serve!

Date	Assisting Minister	Camera Person	Greeter	Altar Preparer	Usher
10/3/21	Reilly Dillon	David Rinker	Kelsey Dillon	Joanna Heldreth	Tim Cochran
10/10/21	Gale Krol	Brian Hudgins	Louise Houck	Gale Krol	Moe Moczulski
10/17/21	Lisa Stokes	David Rinker	Connie Boatwright	Joanna Heldreth	Tim Cochran

Thank you also to our musicians: Sharon Igoe Von Behren, Bob Hudgins, and Tyler Ridenour

What's Happening This Week

Sun., October 3	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., October 4	
Tues., October 5	
Wed., October 6	Youth Group – 6pm at the field next to LHUMC
Thurs., October 7	Generosity Team Meeting Bible Study – 7pm in the Rejoice Fellowship Room at St. John's
Fri., October 8	
Sat., October 9	Knitting Club – 10am in the Friendship Room at St. John's