

# Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

10 am

Prelude

*Voluntary on "Lasst uns erfreuen"*

Andy Potts

Translation: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

~ Robert Lind

## Welcome and Community Life

### Call to Worship

Can you imagine unfettered love?

Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?

Can you imagine a home—safe and bright,

with impromptu dancing, meals around the table, and laughter late into the night?

Can you imagine faith like a compass

that guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;

that asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?

Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free?

Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?

A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?

Can you imagine?

**Yes, we can imagine.**

Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.

And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.

**Let us worship holy God, and let us renew our commitment to**

**following that great unfettered Love.**

### Opening Song

*I Will Follow*

Video

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#### Chorus 1

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay | When You move I'll move, I will follow

#### Verse 1

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure | I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight, high above my life | I will trust in You alone

#### Chorus 2

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move, I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve | If this life I lose, I will follow You

## Interlude

Yeah, I will follow You, yeah

## Verse 2

Light into the world, light into my life | I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find | All I need in You alone, in You alone

## Chorus 2

## Bridge

In You there's life everlasting | In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy, unending joy | And I will follow

## Chorus 2

## Ending

Yeah, I will follow You, yeah | I will follow You, yeah | I will follow You, yeah

## Opening Prayer (*unison*)

**Holy God, as Your followers, we want to see what You see. We want to see what You see, but our vision is often clouded by bias and narrow perspective, fear and limited information. We are too small to imagine the type of love and beauty You can bring forth. So in this moment, we ask that You would remove anything that keeps us from You.**

**Blow the dust out of our ears. Thaw out the frozen parts of our hearts. Tell the logical arguments we form about what will and will not work to take a backseat. And as You do, breathe fresh air into our lungs and fill our minds with endless possibilities. We want to see what You see. We want to reimagine this life we're living. Clear away the roadblocks. Amen.**

## A Message for Young Disciples

*Linda Morrison*

## Anthem

*Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

Chancel Singers

Scott Forbes - Soloist

arr. Bradley Knight

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## Proclamation and Response

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## Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

<sup>9</sup> When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup> You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

<sup>8</sup> You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall have the trumpet sounded

loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. <sup>10</sup> And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. <sup>11</sup> That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. <sup>12</sup> For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

### Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Message

*Our Money Story: Reimagine*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

UMH#94

Closing Song

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH# 428

Fred Kaan | John Hughes

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#### Verse 1

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord

For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word  
Help us rise and pledge our word

#### **Verse 2**

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release  
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase  
Fear will die and hope increase

#### **Verse 3**

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned  
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span  
May we hallow life's brief span

#### **Verse 4**

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind  
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind  
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find  
Earth its destiny may find

## **Sending Forth**

### **Announcements**

- **Next Sunday is the last day to make donations to the Board of Child Care Christmas Store**
- **Turnbaugh Trust Grant Requests submissions due Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Church Conference will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> – virtually. When we receive the link, we will send it to everyone.**
- **All Saints Sunday – November 7<sup>th</sup> please submit names of those to be read by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Holly Fair is looking for help – baked goods, set up and tear down of the event. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Nun dankel alle Gott*

Andy Potts

Translation: *Now Thank We All Our God*

~G.F. Kaufmann (1679-1735)