

First Congregational United Church of Christ
“Where No One Is A Stranger”
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

RECOGNITION OF MAHANA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

We come before God as equals in God’s sight.

God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

Yet God has called us God’s children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

We are called to joyful obedience in God’s realm.

Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God’s abundant love on us. AMEN.

*Opening Song:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#358

*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

God of majesty and might, blow through this place like a mighty wind. Inspire us with your presence. Cover us with your love, that we might be your people, serving others with care and compassion. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

BRIEF REFLECTION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we want to be safe, we want to be respected, we want to feel good about ourselves, we want to be in control. We want all these things more than we want to be faithful. We confess our self-centeredness, and surrender it to your grace. Forgive us, open our hearts to your gift, and strengthen us to follow Christ in humble service.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ, our High Priest, guides us gently back to the path—the path of walking with God and serving our neighbor.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven! We will be with God in paradise!

FIRST READING:

Hebrews 5:1-10

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Statement of Purpose** inside front cover of hymnal

* GLORIA PATRI:

“Glory Be to the Father”

#734

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 with-out end. A-men, A-men.

SECOND READING:

Mark 10:35-45

HYMN:

“Gather Us In”

#649

MESSAGE:

“No One Likes a Drama Queen”

David Burrow

RESPONSE: Litany of Humility

O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart,

Hear us.

From the desire of being esteemed,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the desire of being honored,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear of being rebuked,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten,

Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged,

Deliver us, Jesus.

That others may be praised even as we go unnoticed.

Jesus, grant us the grace to desire it.

That others may be holier than us, even as we become more holy.

Jesus, grant us the grace to desire it.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Respond: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(with debts/debtors)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS – OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #34

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of glory, we thank you for the abundance you have given us. We praise you for the gifts of this earth and of our lives. As we return a portion of these gifts, we also dedicate our lives to your service. Bless our gifts and our service, that we may glorify you and reflect your love in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #317

* **GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE

*Indicates all who are able please stand

- *Call to worship, opening prayer, words of assurance, and prayer of dedication from MinistryMatters.com*
- *Prayer of Confession from UnfoldingLight.net*
- *Litany of Humility by Cardinal Rafael Merry de Val, Roman Catholic Church*

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Organist: Antoina Rupert

Worship Leader: David Burrow

Pastor: Rev. Chris Burtnett

October Radio Sponsor: Larry & Sandy Person

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Sunday, October 20: 10:30am – Worship / Sunday School / Coffee

Tuesday, October 22: 9:30am- Pastor at Feed Mill

7pm.- Finance Meeting

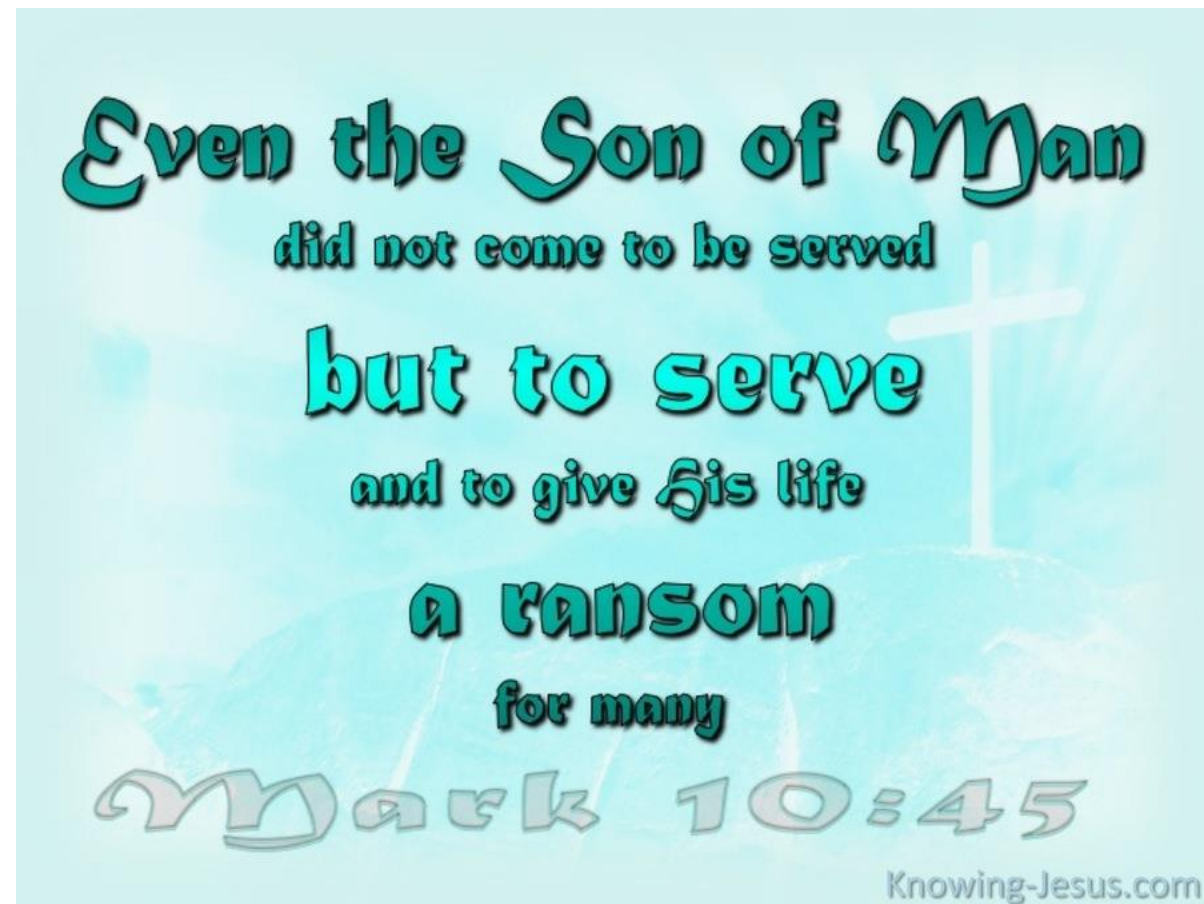
Wednesday, October 23: 7pm.- Board Meeting

Thursday, October 24: 10am. – Clergy Cluster -Humboldt

Friday, October 25: 9:15am. – Care Center Worship

Sunday, October 27: 10:30am – Worship / Coffee

Thank you, David Burrow for leading worship for us today!



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