

Call to Worship

L: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

P: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

L: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

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

L: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

P: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs **"Everlasting God"**
 "Your Grace Is Enough"

Children's Time

Scriptures

Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

"Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Hebrews 5:7-10 (NIV)

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

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Hebrews 5:8. ESV



Message
"The First Will Be Last"
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