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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 20, 2024**

\*This service is being livestreamed Prelude through Postlude, and is available for public viewing.

*Meditation*

*“The early Christians were known for their love for the poor and their commitment to nonviolence, and they changed the world.” ~ Shane Claiborne*

**PRELUDE**

Ben Marti

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Eric Garner

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-12

Pastor Eric Garner

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

You, Lord, are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**You, Lord, are good to all; you have compassion on all that you have made.**

All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

**They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

**HYMN**

*I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say*

GTG 400

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Eric Garner

**Loving God,**

**We confess to you that we fall short of being disciples of the kingdom.**

**We often seek out the easiest paths that do not call us to love our neighbors.**

**Forgive us for getting so caught up in the world’s trappings**

**And its false messages of power**

**That we lose sight of the hope of the kingdom,**

**Which brings healing and peace to a world in turmoil.**

**Hear us, forgive us, and renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

**In this time of worship may we become more kingdom-minded**

**And to become your peacemakers for our world.**

**Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor Eric Garner

Be confident that the one who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion. Through the power of King Jesus, you have been brought into right-relationship with God.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**GLORIA**

*Gloria*

GTG 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly — Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Eric Garner

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Lizz Kendall

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

GTG 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

Patti Kramlinger

**5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, **10** so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Pastor Eric Garner

**12** Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. **13** Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. **15** Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. **16** Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

**17** Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. **18** For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. **19** Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. **21** He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **1** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Working for the Kingdom*

Pastor Eric Garner

**HYMN**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

GTG 761

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Eric Garner

**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.**

**CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY**

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low; praise  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Eric Garner

**POSTLUDE**

Ben Marti



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## CALENDAR

- Sunday, October 20: 10:20 a.m.  
Kidz Club  
FPC Kids Room
- Sunday, October 20: 11:20 a.m.  
Deacons Meeting  
FPC Multipurpose Room
- Sunday, October 20: 11:30 a.m.  
Youth Group  
FPC Youth Room
- Sunday, October 20: 11:30 a.m.  
WiredWord Adult Sunday School  
FPC Library
- Wednesday, October 23: 12:00 p.m.  
E-Blast Articles Due

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