

**October 10, 2021 - Pentecost 21 – 10:45 a.m.  
Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

Dr. J. Donald Dumpson

**Work of the Community**

Pastor Carla Jones Brown

**Song of Praise**

Congregation

O Draw Me Near/Nearer My God To Thee

O Draw Me Near

**O draw me near (3x); and I'll run after You. (repeat)**

Nearer My God To Thee

**Nearer my God to thee; nearer to thee!**

**E'en though it be a cross, that raiseth me.**

**Still all my song shall be; nearer my God to thee.**

**Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee!**

**Call To Worship**

Char Mansfield

Leader: We come to worship this morning from different places.

**People: O God, do not be far from us.**

Leader: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**People: O God, do not be far from us.**

Leader: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**People: O God, do not be far from us.**

Leader: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

**People: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us!**

**Congregational Hymn** (see insert)

Congregation

**Look Who Gathers At Christ's Table**

**Invitation to Tell the Truth**

**Prayer of Confession**<sup>[SEP]</sup>

**Holy one we stand before you, naked, for nothing we do or say, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following you. As you empty our hands of unneeded things to which we cling so tightly, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, into that abundant life offered to each of us.**

*A moment for silent reflection and confession*  
Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen  
**All: Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Passing the Peace**                      Amen, Amen, Amen!                      Congregation  
Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

**\*Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord                      Congregation  
**Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.**  
**Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.**  
**Saved My Soul (3x) I just want to thank you Lord.**

## **Scripture Reading**                      Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'"

He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Pastor Carla Jones Brown

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the table**

**Leader:** **The Lord be with you**

**People:** And also with you

**Leader:** **Lift up your hearts**

**People:** We lift them up the Lord

**Leader:** **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**

**People:** It is right It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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.**

**Distribution of Elements**

**Communion Music**

Lord, I Believe

Andrew Lawson, soloist

**Offering of Self and Benediction**

Pastor Carla Jones Brown

**Moment for Witness**

Dr. Charmaine Chan

**\*\*Please wait to be directed into the social hall for coffee hour\*\***



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