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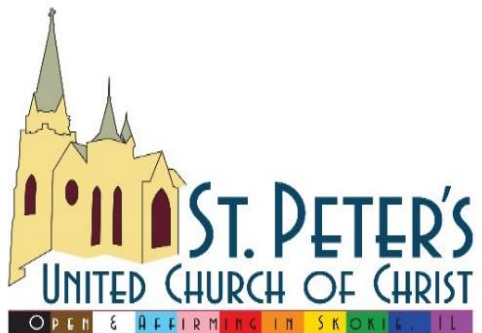
**Sunday,**

**October 20, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

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**Twenty-second  
Sunday after  
Pentecost**





# Welcome to Worship!

**SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM**

**In-person Worship.** Masks and distance recommended, not required

**Livestream on YouTube.** Live at 10am then available on our channel after



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## Open Communion

**All Christians** and seekers after God are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper with us the **first Sunday of every month** and special Holy Days (Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Easter). **At-home Communion** participants are invited to provide their own elements and join when Pastor bids you, "take, eat, and drink."



## About St. Peter's UCC

We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie since 1867. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, which means we are passionate about our faith and open in our thinking. We believe in a Triune God who **loves everyone**, regardless of gender identity, orientation, race, status, or physical or mental ability, and we **joyously welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.



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*Welcome to worship. The music before the service is intended as a time of silent prayer and preparation.*

**PRELUDE**                      “On Eagle’s Wings”

**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      Peggy Reins

*Will those who are able please stand up*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P:** Come, all who seek the way of love, not for power or recognition, but for service and humility.

**C:** **We come, following the path of Jesus, who taught us that greatness is found in serving others.**

**P:** In a world that seeks authority and dominance, we choose the way of compassion, lifting up the marginalized, and tending to the needs of all.

**C: We commit to serving with open hearts, knowing that in God's Kingdom, love is the true measure of greatness.**

P: Let us gather as one community, each of us called to be a servant to others, welcoming the stranger, uplifting the weary, and working for justice in all places.

**All: We come together to worship the God of love, to be transformed by Christ's example, and to serve in the power of the Spirit. Let us worship with joy, hope, and a commitment to serve all people.**

## OPENING RESPONSE

### "Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour"

*Text and music: Phil Porter, 1990*

Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong  
bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-ple and the power, Spir - it draw near.

*This chant may be sung as a round.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Please join me in prayer:

**A: Loving and Gracious God, we come before You acknowledging that we have fallen short of Your call to serve one another. Too often, we seek to elevate ourselves, desiring power, recognition, and comfort. We have ignored the cries of the vulnerable, and we have placed our own needs above the needs of others. Forgive us for our lack of humility and for the times we have failed to love as You have loved. Forgive us, O God, when we have sought greatness in ways that diminish others. Forgive us for being silent in the face of injustice, for failing to stand with the oppressed, and for not using our power to serve Your people. Help us to embrace the way of service and compassion, to live in humility, and to follow Jesus' example in all we do. Renew our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may truly be Your servants in the world.**

*Silent Reflection*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

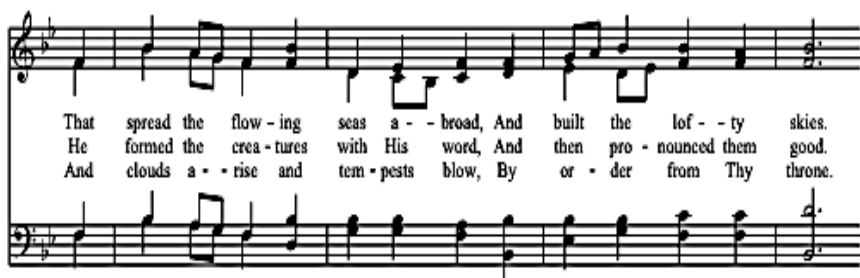
**P:** Hear the good news! God's love is steadfast, and God's grace is abundant. When we turn to God in humility, seeking forgiveness, God meets us with open arms and a heart full of mercy. In Christ, we are forgiven. We are called to be servants, to live out the love and justice of God in all that we do. Know that you are forgiven and freed to serve others with joy and humility. May we go forth, renewed by God's grace, and empowered by the Spirit to love and serve all of God's children.

## C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

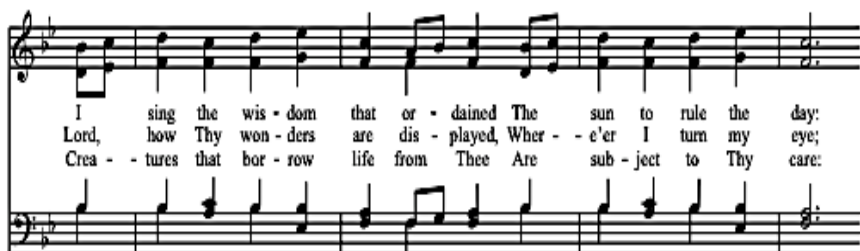
### HYMN "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"



1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God, That made the moun-tains rise;  
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food:  
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, But makes Thy glo-ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, And built the lof-ty skies.  
 He formed the crea-tures with His word, And then pro-nounced them good.  
 And clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow, By or-der from Thy throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day:  
 Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye;  
 Crea-tures that bor-row life from Thee Are sub-ject to Thy care:



The moon shines full at His com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.  
 If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky.  
 There's not a place where we can flee, But God is pre-sent there.

*The congregation may be seated*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READING**

Carolyn Van Til

Old Testament

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Psalter

Psalms 91

**CHORAL ANTHEM**      “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Will the congregation please stand up*

**GOSPEL**

Mark 10:35-45

**RESPONSE**

“Hallelujah”

#495

*The congregation may be seated*

## **PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: 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 TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*If you donate electronically, feel free to place an "Electronic Giving" card into the plate as it comes around so you can enjoy participating in the physical act of giving.*



*Will those who are able please stand up*

**RESPONSE**

**“We are An Offering”**

**SSB #11**

We lift our voi - ces, — we lift our hands, — we lift our  
 lives — up to You, we are an of - fer - ing; — Lord, use our  
 voi - ces, — Lord, use our hands, — Lord, use our  
 lives, — they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing, —  
 All that we have, — all that we are, —  
 all that we hope to be we give to You, we  
 give to You. — We lift our  
 voi - ces, — we lift our hands, — we lift our  
 lives — up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, — we are an of - fer - ing. —

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**A: God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

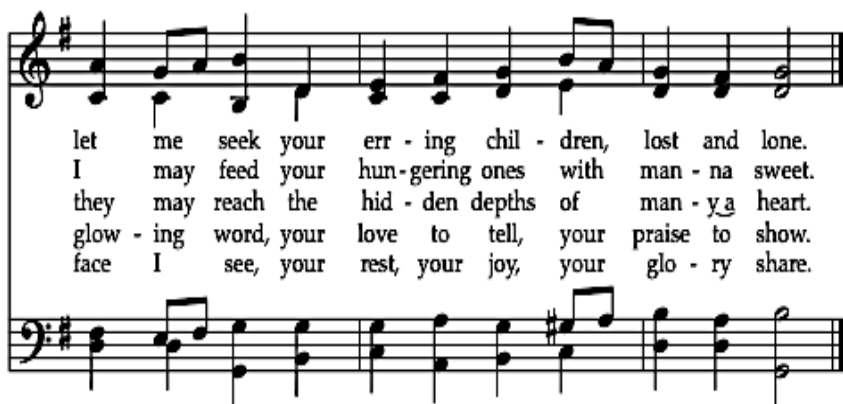
## PULPIT HYMN “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

*The congregation may be seated*

**SERMON**            “The Still-Speaking God”

*Will those who are able please stand up*

## HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - res - ting, un - has - ting, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor wan - ting nor was - ting, thou ru - lest in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bles - sed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would re - nder, O help us to see

al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and wi - ther and pe - rish— but nought chang - est thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hi - deth thee.

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## CHARGE

P: Beloved, go forth as God’s people, listening for God’s still-speaking voice. Let this authentic voice inspire you to seek justice and love kindness. May God’s voice drown out the voices of negativity and hate. May God’s voice guide you to love your neighbor as yourself. May God’s voice lift your spirits in a world that tries to drag us down. May God’s voice lead you to new paths of hope and to discover new ways of being in this world.

## BENEDICTION

P: Go in the freedom of new life in Christ. Go in the liberty that transcends the ways of the world. Go in the hope, power, and peace of the good news. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

“St. Denio”

arr. Callahan

*The music after the service is intended as a time of reflection. The Pastor will be pleased to greet you at the Sanctuary doors as soon as the postlude has concluded, and our livestream has stopped.*

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## FOR WORSHIP TODAY

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GUEST MINISTER	Rev. Wayne MacPherson
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Maria Altmayer
LIVESTREAM RECORDING	Jenn Schneider
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Annie Noorts

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# CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND MORE!

We are taking orders for fresh pine Christmas wreaths and decorations from Northern Wisconsin to adorn your home or to be placed at a cemetery.

**The standard 24 inch diameter wreath, with red velvet bow and pine cones is \$18.00.**

Cemetery stands are included at no additional charge.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help to decorate the church for Christmas with the remainder going to the General Operating Fund.

We will place wreaths on graves at the St. Peter's UCC Cemetery, if you desire.

All orders **must be placed by Friday Nov 15th.**

**Pickup will be at the St. Peter's Laramie entrance on Saturday Dec 7th from 1 - 2 pm or after worship in the Lanford Fellowship Hall on Sunday Dec 8th.**

To place an order, please:

- **fill in the form and place in collection plate with payment.**
- **fill in the form and mail it with payment to St Peter's.**
- **or, email your order form to [office@stpeteruccskokie.org](mailto:office@stpeteruccskokie.org) and send payment separately via mail or use PayPal.**

Please make checks payable to:  
St. Peter's UCC.

Name		
Address		
I will pick up my order up at church		
Please place on cemetery for:		
<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
24" Single Face Balsam Wreath w/ Velvet Ribbon for Home or Cemetery	\$18.00	
Cemetery Stands	included w/ cemetery placement	
30" Single Face Balsam	\$30.00	
36" Double Face Balsam	\$53.00	
40" Single Face Balsam	\$45.00	
4' Noble Mix Mantlepiece/ Centerpiece	\$45.00	
12" Noble Candle Wreath (Candle not included)	\$21.00	
12" Holiday Yule Log	\$21.00	
32" Evergreen Planter	\$31.00	
42" Evergreen Planter	\$51.00	
Fire Starter Basket	\$21.00	
Balsam Door Swag	\$16.00	
20" Premium Noble Fir Mix Wreath	\$26.00	
24" Boxed Decorator Wreath	\$41.00	
25' Balsam Garland	\$33.00	
Total Amount (\$)		



# Handcrafted Wreaths and Decorations

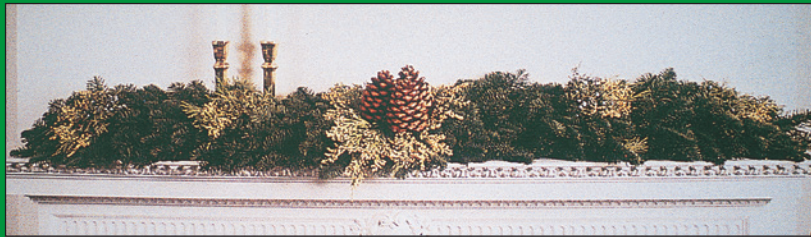


**24" Balsam Wreath  
with Velvet Ribbon**

Single Face Balsam Outdoor  
Wreath 24", 30", 40"  
Double Face Balsam 36"



**Noble Fir Mixed Wreath 20"  
Indoor/Outdoor**



**4' Mantelpiece/Centerpiece**

**Place your order by Friday November 15th.**  
(Contact Rich Schneider or call 847.673.8166)

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**32" Evergreen Planter  
42"+ Evergreen Planter**



**12" Candle Ring Wreath  
WITHOUT Candle**



**24" Boxed  
Decorator Wreath**



**Holiday Yule Log 12"**



**25' Balsam Fir Garland**



**Firestarter Basket**



**Balsam Swag**



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# News in the Pews

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Beloved of Christ, welcome to worship, faith education and Christian fellowship this day. May you sense the embrace of God's love through the people you interact with here.

**We welcome back Rev. Wayne MacPherson this Sunday for another guiding message for our times!** Pastor Wayne has served four congregations in the Chicago Metropolitan Association, two as Pastor and two as Interim Pastor. His service as a supply pastor includes preaching at around twenty congregations across the Chicago Metropolitan and Fox Valley Associations of the Illinois Conference of the UCC. He will also be leading our Pet Blessing at 3pm today, thank you Pastor Wayne! He will return to our pulpit on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Church Council meets after worship today!**

**The Annual Pet Blessing with C.A.R.E.** is TODAY at 3PM. A brief service will be held in St. Peter's gymnasium honoring pets and our unique relationships with them, followed by individual pet blessings. C.A.R.E. will be on hand with pets ready for adoption and information about their adoption facility. Suggested at-the-door donation is \$5, and there will be raffle baskets with wonderful pet-inspired gifts and treats. All donations benefit C.A.R.E. and St. Peter's.

**Announcer Articles for the November Announcer** are due next Monday, October 21, 2024.

**We are inviting our friends and members to contribute to the UCC's hurricane relief fund.** If you would like to contribute, simply make a check payable to St. Peter's with "hurricane relief" in the memo line. You can also give online by going to [www.stpeteruccskokie.org/donate](http://www.stpeteruccskokie.org/donate) and including a note that your gift is for hurricane relief. We will be collecting contributions to the hurricane relief fund through October. Your gift will support long-term recovery efforts as well as immediate

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emergency needs. For more information and to learn about other ways to support hurricane recovery efforts visit <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>.

**We're taking Wreath Orders now!** Please see the insert for details and order form. Orders are due Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Rummage Update and Clean up** –We have books leftover that need to be taken to Half-Price Books in Skokie. Boxes are stacked in the lobby area and table in the gym. We ask you take a box (or two) at a time as they pay less for bigger quantities. Please give the monies to Laura in the office, and thanks so much for your help!

**Attention all Bakers!** We know we just baked for the Rummage Sale but we need to ask once more for baked goods on November 2nd for the Craft Show. All the bake sale profits this time go to the Women's Guild for their use in various missions. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday Nov 1st in the morning or Friday afternoon 3-5 or Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30. Please have your goodies all bagged so all we have to do is price it. In advance, a thank you to all! Wendy Svenson

**The Fall Craft Show and Bake Sale is Saturday November 2nd from 10-3.** We'll have over 40 vendors selling handmade and computer-made items to help you get a jump on your holiday shopping. HELP NEEDED: bakers for the sale and help early that morning at 7:30 AM to help the crafters unload. We also have a few tables left if you are interested in a table! Please contact Wendy Svenson (847) 528-4545 or Annie Noorts (847) 772-2717 to volunteer or if you'd like to apply for a table.

**Next Sunday we will welcome Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Munro back to our pulpit** for a message with the intriguing title, "This Turtle Is Angry." It is also Reformation Sunday. Please join us!

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# Our People

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**Please keep St. Peter's extended family in your thoughts and prayers. Other folks that need your prayers include:**

- Sharon Johnson's daughter, Donna, in addition to fighting cancer again, has been hospitalized for a blockage due to scar tissue from a previous cancer. She will have to have surgery soon.
- Marcia Hilliard had her second surgery Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and though it went well, she is still struggling with pain.
- Sharon Johnson's sister-in-law Marian Johnson passed away Sunday morning. She was 96. No funeral arrangements are pending.
- Those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Helene and Milton.
- 15-year-old family friend of Denise Hopp is currently suffering from self-harm.
- Cancer has returned for Susan Garcia's Aunt Janice, whom we've prayed for previously. She will be or has had surgery in October.
- Sharon Johnson had successful surgery and is recovering very well at home.
- Ricky Riley, who will be undergoing heart surgery.
- Betsy Herren, daughter of Ann, in Oregon. She is in treatment for breast cancer.
- Jane Abramchik continues to recover at home aided by a team of home caregivers and her husband Paul.
- Jen Schneider's mom Dorene Schurman, who is in hospice care in Ohio.
- Paul Brzozowski will or has begun additional treatments after having brain surgery last month.
- Annie and Gerry Noorts's cousin Scott Richter completed his chemo. His wife Susie Richter, who has breast cancer, had surgery and will be starting treatment soon. Also, their friends Bunny and Eddy Thompson are both fighting cancer.

*Please keep them and their families in your prayers.*

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Others in our church family to keep close in our hearts include Larry Baumhardt, Ursula Dworak, Lois Jarmuth, Bob Seitman, and Jackie Johnson. **If you are aware of others to include in our shared prayers, please let a church officer, an Elder, or the office know!**

**According to the schedule** and barring any switches, next Sunday's Lector will be David Iannotti, and our Nursery Attendant will be Heidi Tarzian.

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### CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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PRESIDENT	Peggy Reins
VICE-PRESIDENT	Ann Herren
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Annie Noorts
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

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## *Regular Reminders!*

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**Let us know you were here!** Please sign the attendance sheet in the black pew pads and when you think your pew is ready, please pass the pad towards the center aisle of the church.

**We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church.**

No amount is too small! So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the bulletin's front cover for details on how to donate.

**Our mini-food pantry is a daily mission this church does for the community of Skokie.** The Niles Township Food Pantry tells us ours is the most successful in the area. But we can't keep it going without regular donations. If you are able, please bring food to help us keep it going. Food can be left on the shelves by the office doors, or in the narthex. Thank you so much!

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## MISSION MOMENTS

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### Enfolding Love (10/6/2024)

#### GREEN

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost. Mark 10:2-16

Many times we find ourselves skipping over the topic of divorce that we have in the first part of Mark 10:2-16, in favor of the more polite dinner conversation of Jesus blessing the children.

Divorce is never easy to discuss. It's deeply personal with complexities unique to each couple. Yet many still weigh in with their opinions, just as they did in Jesus' day.

Here, it's the religious legal experts — the Pharisees — who bring the topic to Jesus, hoping to catch the rising star of the Galilee in a false statement.

They ask straight out, "Is divorce lawful?"

At the time, there were two main teachings about divorce circulating among the Jews. There was the teaching of Hillel, a liberal rabbi, and then there was the more conservative rabbi, Shammai. The Pharisees wanted to know which camp Jesus was in. Neither.

Jesus was in the God camp, reminding them — and us — that life is complicated and messy. It is only God who knows each tangled heart intimately.

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Jesus proceeds to answer their question by asking one of his own, “What did Moses say?” The Pharisees acknowledge that Moses allowed a certificate of dismissal.

And there you go. Moses allowed — not God, Jesus points out. It was never the plan for God’s beloveds to experience the heartache of separation.

In a perfect world, there would be a love so strong that the ties that bind would never break. But we don’t live in a perfect world. We live in a fallen one where God has given us free will to make decisions. Thankfully, God’s redeeming love has the power to repair the brokenness in our lives.

Let’s now go beyond married couples. What about the “divorces” — the breakups and breakdowns — among siblings, co-workers, church members and dear friends?

What if we realize that our fragile hearts are always at risk of the “hardening” that Jesus spoke of which led Moses to allow certificates of dismissal among God’s children?

What if this day we made a vow to all humanity to keep our hearts forever opened, allowing the space for the Spirit to come and heal the hurts, forgive the betrayals and grant the patience needed in our trying moments?

What if the pressing question isn’t about the lawfulness of divorce, but more about the condition of our hearts?

*Loving God, we pray for Your enfolding love to come into our lives — revive relationships that are languishing, mend families who are torn, and grant peace and understanding for those whose partnerships have ended. May our hearts soften and beat in sync with Yours. Amen.*

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**October 20, 2024**

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**Please join me in the spirit of prayer. Let us pray.**

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our first reading is ...**

**Job 38:1-7, 34-41**

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings<sup>[a]</sup> shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

<sup>35</sup> Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, 'Here we are'?

<sup>36</sup> Who has put wisdom in the inward parts<sup>[a]</sup>

or given understanding to the mind?<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens

<sup>38</sup> when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

<sup>39</sup> "Can you hunt the prey for the lion

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

<sup>40</sup> when they crouch in their dens

or lie in wait in their covert?

<sup>41</sup> Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God

and wander about for lack of food?

**This ends our first reading. Our next reading is ...**

**Psalm 91**

- <sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,<sup>(a)</sup>
- <sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence;
- <sup>4</sup> he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
- <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night  
or the arrow that flies by day
- <sup>6</sup> or the pestilence that stalks in darkness  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,<sup>(b)</sup>  
the Most High your dwelling place,
- <sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.
- <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.
- <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
- <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- <sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.
- <sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble;  
I will rescue them and honor them.
- <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

**This ends our second reading. Our worship continues with a CHORAL ANTHEM**

(reader can sit down)

**Thank you, Choir**



**Will those who are able please stand up for reading of THE GOSPEL**

Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

**This ends our reading of the Scriptures for this morning's service. May God grant us a wise and generous understanding of this God's Holy Word.**