

*Scripture Theme for 2024: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Kingdomtide

October 27, 2024- 10:30 a.m.

### Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either  
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary*

\*Congregation, please stand if able

#### PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

*Point to Ponder: "When I release my weaknesses and blind spots to God,  
He uses them to help me grow up spiritually."  
- Crystal McDowell*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

One voice: Jesus is in our midst. Jesus, our healer, deliverer,  
and friend, is here.

**Many voices: We have heard so many good things about  
him, but we long to meet him, to encounter him  
ourselves.**

One voice: Call out to him, and do not be silent when you are in  
need of help. Shout to him and do not allow anyone to silence  
your voice. Cry out and tell Jesus what you need!

**Many voices: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us! We  
need a touch from you! Touch me; touch us in our  
need, which we lift right now in our hearts!**

One Voice: In this time of worship, celebrate God's goodness!  
In this time celebration of worship, know that Jesus  
touched your place of need.

**Many voices: Hallelujah! Amen!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 454

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Rudy Hyde

Pastor: Dear Jesus forgive us when we are blind and self-centered.

**People: We too often put up barriers rather than build bridges. If it is because of fear give us courage. If it is because we are ashamed of who we are let us seek forgiveness and walk humbly with you. If it is because of prejudice forgive us and lift the bonds of judgmentalism out of lives.**

Pastor: We want to see what you see Jesus . . .

**People: We want to follow you dear Lord**

**ALL: HELP US. . . WE CRY OUT TO YOU TODAY. . .**

*own time of silent confession before God.*

*REFLECTIVE MUSIC*

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Followed by the Lord's Prayer**

## **YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: Merciful God, you open our eyes to your truth, and we bring our gifts to you with gratitude. As we reflect on the story of Bartimaeus, we bring our offerings as a response to your call, a step in faith to follow you more closely. Use these gifts to spread your love and light, helping others to see your grace and mercy. Bless our giving and open our hearts to see the needs around us so that we may serve with compassion and humility. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

**OFFERTORY**

**Tom Hoehn**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Valeria Vianey Mendez Herrera**

*Scripture for October*

*Proverbs 4:23*

*Guard your heart above all else for everything you do flows from it.*

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**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**Yvette Cortez**

**Mark 10:46-52**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Melissa**

***"Let Me See"***

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

**No. 370**

*"Victory in Jesus"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Beloved, go now in the blessing of Christ's mercy.

**People: May God grant us the heart to hear the cries of the  
needy and the courage to listen and lend a loving  
hand**

**to neighbors known and unknown.**

Pastor: In the name of our awesome God. . . Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit

**People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of  
you.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**