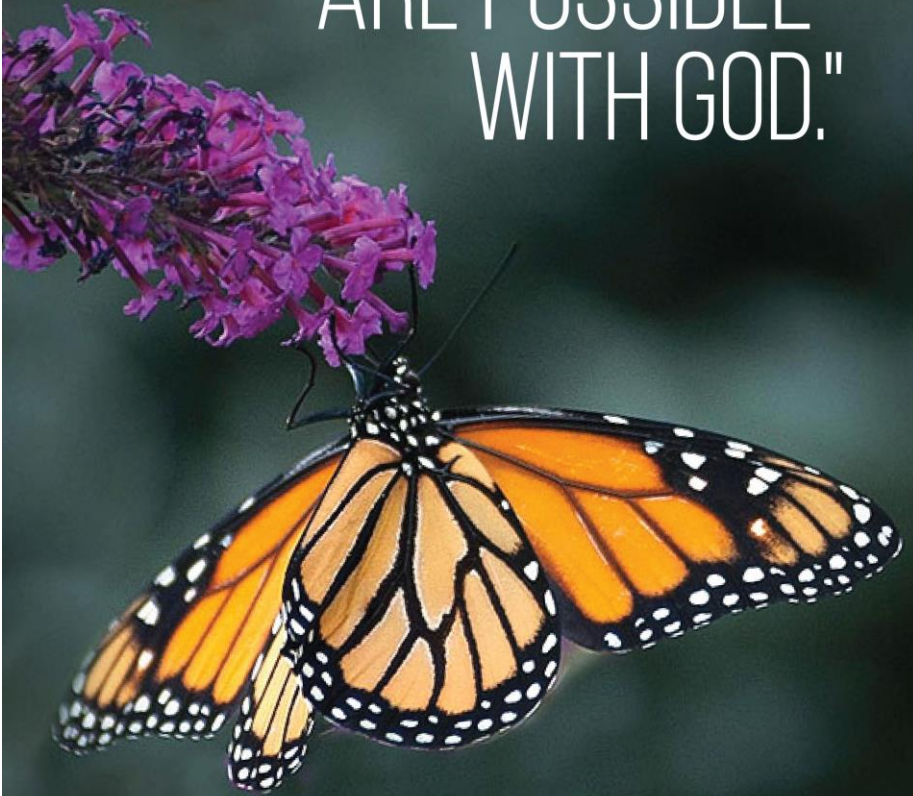


MARK
10:27,
NIV

**"WITH MAN THIS
IS IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT NOT WITH GOD;**

**ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE
WITH GOD."**



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10 AM, 21st Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.



PRELUDE: “*Start a Fire*”

Intro:

Ooo, ooo,
Ooo, ooo.
Ooo, ooo, ooo,

Verse 1:

This world can be cold and bitter
Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better
But am I really gonna hide forever?

Over and over again
I hear Your voice in my head
Let Your light shine, let Your light shine for all to see

Chorus:

Start a fire in my soul
Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying
Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You
that we need Start a fire in me

Verse 2:

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze
It only takes a little faith Let it start right here in this city
So these old walls will never be the same
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
They need to know I need to go
Spirit won't You fall on my heart now

Chorus

Bridge:

You are the fire You are the flame
You are the light on the darkest day
We have the hope we bear Your name
We carry the news that You have come to save, yeah
Only You can save, yeah

Chorus:

Start a fire in my soul
Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying
Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You
that we need Start a fire in me

Ending:

You are the fire You are the flame
You are the light on the darkest day
Start a fire in me

Ooo, ooo,
Ooo, ooo.
Ooo, ooo, ooo,

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Christ sympathizes with us in our weakness and comes to us in our need. In gratitude for this great gift, let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please safely share the peace with each other.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Your love, O God, will not let us go!

**All: As we stand in awe of creation,
your love is “wonderful.”**

L: Your love, O God, will not let us go!

**All: As we struggle to let go the past,
your love is forgiving.**

L: Your love, O God, will not let us go!

**All: As we strengthen this faith community,
your love binds us together.**

L: Your love, O God, will not let us go!

**All: As we serve as disciples,
your love comes clear in the life of Jesus. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the
one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.*

All: Amen.

*P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming
power.*

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Source of all life,

**All: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set
us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We
hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we
expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.
Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to
speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek
the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven,

All: God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Chorus:

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Repeat Chorus

Verse 1:

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Repeat Chorus Twice

Bridge:

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You
(Repeat)

Repeat Verse 1

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You
(Repeat)

GREETING

P: Some days we don't understand what Jesus is saying to us, and we are afraid to ask.

All: That is when it is helpful to have the gift of a faith community.

P: It can be a place where we can bring our honest questions, our doubts, our worries, and our hopes.

All: Where we can find support, understanding, and other people who are also figuring things out.

P: Come and join us. We haven't figured everything out, but we are seeking to do so together.

All: There is room for all here.

LITANY

L: Christ Jesus, we stand in your presence, remembering your amazing welcome of all who are lost and fallen.

All: Sometimes we feel as if we too belong in this group, for we've fallen short of who we might be.

L: Still, we come into your presence with confidence in your love;

All: and we praise you for the acceptance that you show us all. With love we sing your praises...



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



All: Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
 praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

Refrain
 Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
 praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith,

All: that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

WE LISTEN AND THINK

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: Abiding Spirit, may our hearts be opened to the mystery of the gospel,

All: that the Creator of life may be made known to all.

R: Today's reading is from Hebrews, chapter four, beginning with the twelfth verse.

READING: *Hebrews 4:12-16*

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.

All: Bless us with your gifts, O God.

R: Our God feeds us with the bread of life and the wellspring of our salvation.

All: Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.

R: Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.

All: Bless us with your gifts, Mighty Spirit.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Creator.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, someone came running up and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?” Jesus answered, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: No killing. No committing adultery. No stealing. No bearing false witness. No defrauding. Honor your mother and your father.”

The other replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my childhood.”

Then Jesus looked at the person with love and said, “There is one thing more that you must do. Go and sell what you have and give it to those in need; you will then have treasure in heaven. After that, come and follow me.”

At these words, the inquirer, who owned much property, became crestfallen and went away sadly.

Jesus looked around and said to the disciples, “How hard it is for rich people to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples could only marvel at these words.

So Jesus repeated what he had said: “My children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the Needle’s Eye gate than for a rich person to enter the kindom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at this 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. With God all things are possible.”

Peter was moved to say to Jesus, “We have left everything to follow you!”

Jesus answered, “The truth is, there is no one who has left home, sisters or brothers, mother or father, children or fields for me and for the sake of the Gospel who won’t receive a hundred times as much in this present age—as many homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children and property, though not without persecution—and, in the age to come, everlasting life.

“Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Risen Savior.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

PRE-MESSAGE HYMN: *“I Can Only Imagine”*

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see

When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Chorus:

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Chorus

Repeat Chorus

I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

I can only imagine
When all I can do
Is forever, forever worship you
I can only imagine

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

WE SHARE THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Children of God, we have received much from God—
grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift
of life itself.

**All: In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks
for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way
of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God’s
generosity, let us share God’s abundance with one
another.**

THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: “More Love, More Power”

Chorus:

More Love, More Power
More of You in my life
More Love, More Power
More of You in my life

Verse 1:

And I will worship You with all of my heart
And I will worship You with all of my mind
And I will worship You with all of my strength
For You are my Lord

Repeat Chorus and Verse 1

Verse 2:

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind
And I will seek your face with all of my strength
for You are my Lord

Chorus

Please Stand

OFFERTORY

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts
and ask that they be used to help the needy in our
community and throughout the world.

All: As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well,
that together we might transform the world with
your grace and love. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God of Grace.

All: hear our prayer.

L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: We give thanks and praise to you, God of love and grace! With gratitude, we recall how you formed us from the very earth, made covenant with us from the beginning of time, and call us again and again to be your people.

All: In your amazing love, you came as one of us in the form of Jesus the Christ, showing us the way of unconditional love and the path of self-giving service.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Savior. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

*P: Come to the table and taste God's mercy and grace.
Come to the table and drink Christ's living water.*

All: We come to the table to share in a meal overflowing with God's love.

P: Come, children of God,

All: for all are welcome here!

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into, then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (yellow), or water (clear, center) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your empty cup in the provided bowls. You may walk behind the Praise Band.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Communion"

Chorus:

This is the body
This is the blood
Broken and poured out
For all of us
(And) In this communion
We share in His love
This is the body
This is the blood

Verse 1:

I will remember ev'rything Lord
That You've done for me
I won't take for granted the sacrifice
That set me free
I hunger and thirst for Your love
Come fill me today

Chorus

Bridge:

We hunger and thirst for Your love
And Your righteousness
We long for Your presence here Lord
Be with us again

Chorus (2x)

This is the body
This is the blood
Broken and poured out
For all of us
(And) In this communion
We share in His love
This is the body
This is the blood

This is the body
This is the blood

COMMUNION HYMN: *“For Those Tears I Died”*

Verse 1:

You said You'd come
And share all my sorrows
You said You'd be there
For all my tomorrows
I came so close to sending You away
But just like You promised
You came there to stay
I just had to pray

Chorus:

And Jesus said
Come to the water
Stand by My side
I know you are thirsty
You won't be denied
I felt ev'ry tear drop

When in darkness you cried
And I strove to remind you
That for those tears I died

Verse 2:

Your goodness so great
I can't understand
And dear Lord I know
That all this was planned
I know You're here now
And always will be
Your love loosed my chains
And in You I'm free
But Jesus why me

Chorus

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

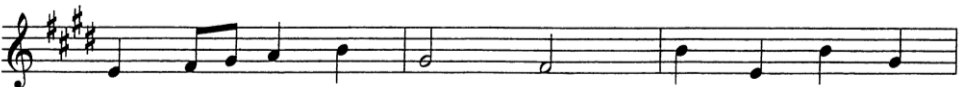
P: O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

All: Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION THANKS



All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.

Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

P: We leave this church, O God, with songs of new life on our lips.

All: With a message of hope in our hearts, with a determination to serve on our minds, with the love of Jesus Christ binding us together in faith community. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Thrive”

Intro:

Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh... a oh oh
Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh...

Verse 1:

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water,
We never will run dry

Chorus:

So, living water flowing through,
God, we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire
Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive

Repeat Intro: (Ohs)

Verse 2:

Into Your Word we're digging deep
to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show
Them who You are

Chorus

Bridge (1 time):

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible
Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible

Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive

Repeat Intro: (Ohs)

We were made to thrive

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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