

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • September 27, 2020
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

Prelude

Great is the Lord

Michael W. Smith and Deborah Smith

Call to Worship

Psalm 116

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
And how shall we repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for us?
Let us lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the LORD.

Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodland, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Prayer of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Homily

The Will of the Father

Offertory

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Janice Faber

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Hymn 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy,
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving,
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient,
Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

arr. John Rippon