



**Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**October 18, 2020 – LAITY SUNDAY**  
**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude** "Be Thou My Vision" Trad. Irish Melody

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: Praise the Lord for steadfast love and sustaining goodness.

**P: We have gathered to worship and we will always give thanks to you.**

L: Thank you God for your constant presence with us.

**P: In your presence we gather to give praises.**

L: Thank you God for everything.

**P: We will remain faithful because of your work to reconcile all things to you.**

**Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH 400

**Scripture Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Children's Time with Mrs. Carney**

**Psalter Reading** Psalm 99 UMH 819

**Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, we gather this morning with all our faults and failures. But we come to worship you with unity of heart and spirit as we set aside our differences. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. As you forgive us, give us eyes to recognize your image in all persons. Give us minds to accept and celebrate our differences and hearts big enough to love again. With thanksgiving for your son, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 22: 15-22

**Reflection** Sister Jennifer French  
**Fisk UMC Adaptive Worship Team member**

**Prayers & Concerns**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, we bring our gifts of time, tithes and talent. As we offer them, we say thank you. As we give thanks, inspire us to become more generous to you and to others on this journey of life. So, we rededicate ourselves for your service on earth to all people. In the awesome name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn** "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH 395

**Benediction**

Please join us for "Fellowship of Love Time"  
*after the service on Zoom.*

## HYMNS

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing,  
call for songs of loud-est praise.

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net  
sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it,  
mount of thy re-deem-ing love.

O to grace how great a debt-or  
da-ily I'm con-strained to be!  
Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter,  
bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Prone to wan-der, Lord I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts a-bove.

### Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be ho-ly, speak oft with thy Lord;  
a-bide in him al-ways, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's chil-dren, help those who are weak,  
for-get-ting in noth-ing his bless-ing to seek.

Take time to be ho-ly, be calm in thy soul,  
each thought and each mo-tive be-neath his con-trol.  
Thus led by his spir-it to foun-tains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fit-ted for ser-vice a-bove.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. <sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup>for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

### **Matthew 22: 15-22 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup>Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup>and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” <sup>21</sup>“Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

## **Psalm 99 (UMH)**

The LORD reigns,

let the nations tremble;

he sits enthroned between the cherubim,

let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>Great is the LORD in Zion;

he is exalted over all the nations.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name—

he is holy.

<sup>4</sup>The King is mighty, he loves justice—

you have established equity;

in Jacob you have done

what is just and right.

<sup>5</sup>Exalt the LORD our God

and worship at his footstool;

he is holy.

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel was among those who called on his name;

they called on the LORD

and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>LORD our God,

you answered them;

you were to Israel a forgiving God,

though you punished their misdeeds.

<sup>9</sup>Exalt the LORD our God

and worship at his holy mountain,

for the LORD our God is holy.