

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • August 30, 2020**  
Twenty-second 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**

*Breathe*

arr. Jeff Nelson

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 81

Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.  
Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
for this is a law of the God of Jacob.

**Hymn 826**

*Lift High the Cross*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
O, Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. Help us to love what you command, and desire what you promise. In the midst of this changing world, may our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 16: 21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

## Homily

*What will you give up?*

## Offertory

*Ordinary Miracles*  
Rebecca Cook-Carter, vocalist

Bergman and Hamlich

## Prayers of God's People

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

## Hymn 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
    be thou forever with me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
    nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.  
O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
    above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
    O speak, and make me listen, though guardian of my soul.  
O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
    that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
    O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Grace Alone*

*arr. Jeff Nelson*