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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Jesus Asks... "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:00 AM) **PRELUDE** (sung by Nathan Trimmer)

(10:30 AM) **PRELUDE** (sung by the Master's Men)

Give Us a Song

arr. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We live in the world that God has made. We are its stewards and its inhabitants. And yet, we do not know all that there is to know.

P: Where were we when God laid the earth's foundations?

L: My plans are not your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

P: How will we know God's plans? How will we know God's ways?

L: We are told by Jesus to have faith like a child, and like children we learn by asking questions.

P: How will we know what questions to ask?

L: Jesus asked questions throughout the gospels. While he himself already knew the answers we can wrestle with the questions of Jesus and we can learn from our wrestling.

P: What question can we ask today?

L: Today we ponder Jesus' question...

P: What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?

***OPENING HYMN NO. 541** (black hymnal)

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Good and Gracious God we admit that sometimes it is difficult for us to follow your call. We admit that we would rather live our lives of faith in sure and straight forward ways. We confess that it is hard for us to ask the questions necessary for us to grow in our discipleship to you. Forgive us God. Continue to challenge us by asking of us the questions that we are afraid to ask ourselves. Deal with us in patience and love as we learn to discern your ways for us. Comfort us as we wrestle with the uncertainty of our faith. Comfort us as we wrestle with the uncertainty that questions bring. Almighty God, extend your grace to us, so that our seeking and our questioning will bring us closer to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 473 (black hymnal, v. 1 & 3) *Blessed Assurance*

ALL SING: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood. (2x) *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. (2x) *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE Luke 10: 25-37

MESSAGE *"What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"*

HYMN NO. 498 (black hymnal) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(8:00 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Nathan Trimmer) *Reach the World* arr. Kingsmore

(10:30 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by the Master's Men) *Jesus is the Living Stone*
arr. McDonald

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

arr. Bock

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 785 (black hymnal) *We Give You But Your Own*

ALL SING: We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 403** (black hymnal)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Go Forth With a Song

by Scott

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in the honor and glory of God by Don & Diane Strine.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of the 45th wedding anniversary of Deb & Terry Barnes on July 24th.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Jane Graham's birthday by Jodi Graham.

Thank you to Anne Henry for serving as our guest organist today.

Thank you to Nathan Trimmer for singing solos during the 8:00 AM service, and to the Master's Men from Zion UM Church for providing us with today's prelude & special music during the 10:30 AM service.

Master's Men Members

Don Baughman	Scott Becker	Bob Firestone
Tom Griffiths	Chris McKee	Brian Shaffer
Greg Smith	Jeff Sneeringer	Nathan Trimmer
Accompanist: Carol Heagy		

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Janet Abel, Sherry Dunbar, Nancy & Barry Schwartz

10:30 AM Worship tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Red & Ellie Arnold, Carol & Tom Bair, Helen Burns

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Brigitte & David Bradnick

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