

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today is the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDEThe Kingdom of Jesus

GATHERING

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Be Still (Psalm 46)

Prayers of the PeoplePastor Melissa Lowther

Lord's Prayer

Offering*Sing To The King*

HEARING THE WORD

SermonPastor David Flowers

RESPONDING

Your Peace Will Make Us One

SENDING

Benediction

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The Third Way for Extreme Days

MATTHEW 5:38-48;
22:33-40

MARK 12:13-17
JOHN 8:1-8

It's important to look closely at how Jesus responded to hot-button issues and polarizing debates in his day. We can see several examples in the gospels of how Jesus navigated the extremes. What is the "Third Way" and how did Jesus model it for us? Also, what are the issues and extremes today? Are we "biting the bait" or are we embodying the Third Way? In the fourth message of our series, Pastor David invites us to adopt Jesus' posture and approach to polarizing debates and extremes.

JESUS, JUSTICE & THE THIRD WAY *current sermon series*

We are in the final stretch leading up to yet another polarizing and contentious presidential election in the US. Where is the release valve for all the animosity, hate, and violence that has been growing in our country toward our political opponents? How can we turn away from the extremes and move toward hope, healing, and a better tomorrow? And according to Jesus, how can the Church be ministers of reconciliation to help curb injustice, political idolatry, and division? In this series we will reflect on the political nature of the gospel and how we are to pledge allegiance to the Lamb—not the donkey or the elephant. We will examine Jesus' approach to political matters and see how he dealt with political parties, hot-button issues, and the "partisan mind" that fuels division. Let us consider what it looks like to follow the Lamb in an age of idolatry and division, so that we might be faithful to Christ and our calling until he returns.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

If you are interested in joining with others to share life and dive deeper into the sermon and what it means for our lives, go to our website to learn more about getting connected (granthamchurch.org/small-groups).

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TODAY

Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....12PM
Trunks & Treats5:30PM

THIS WEEK

The After PartyMON, OCT 28, 6PM
Community Arts ProjectTHU, OCT 31, 3-5 & 6-8PM
Men's Bible StudyFRI, NOV 1, 6:45AM
Sing & PlayFRI, NOV 1, 9:30AM or 10:30AM

NEXT SUNDAY Nov 3

Learning Communities9AM
Children's Choir10-10:20AM
Worship Service10:30AM
Kids Own Worship11AM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....12PM
Youth Group6PM
Election Week Taizé Service.....7PM

SAVE THE DATE

Together on the Journey: Mechanicsburg.....MON, NOV 11, 6:30PM
Congregational CouncilSUN, NOV 24, after service

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Chrissy Hoffner.....youth coordinator

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$692,701
Year to Date Giving \$682,226

LAST WEEK

Giving \$12,542
Attendance 297