

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023 10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response. Hymnals are available if you like to read notes.

CALL TO WORSHIP* (adapted from Psalm 86)

God meets us in our greatest need

And satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

We will! Thanks be to God!

HYMN* "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

 ${\it The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.}$

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me. And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me. And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT - Genesis 29:15-28

Forest Arnold

Special Music

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Pat Fullen, Marya Katz

GOSPEL* - Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

"Eating with Jesus" Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* (from A Declaration of Faith)

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We find guidance in God's deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER/LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... With all creation we sing your praise, saying:
Holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and
earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

... Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we declare the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught, saying 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.

HYMN* "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" 516

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

Go with God, Go with God As you leave this place, go with God. God will direct your way, God will light every day. As you leave this place, go with God.

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POSTLUDE (please remain seated)

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN (everyone is invited!)