



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 1, 2021

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren’t sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(adapted from Joan Stott)*

God of salvation's joy,
we gather to celebrate and revere you.

**We come, realizing that we are broken.
Forgive and re-create us.**

God of unfailing love,
we gather to worship and honor you.

**We come, and because of your compassion,
forgive and renew us.**

God of new beginnings,
we gather to praise and thank you.

**We come, and through your grace and mercy,
forgive and restore us,
so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you.**

SONG* - Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah

Refrain

Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God in the holy temple,
praise God for almighty deeds;
praise God for those bountiful mercies,
for God fulfills our needs.

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and the harp;
praise God with timbrel and dancing,
praise God wherever you are.

Praise God on top of the mountains,
praise God both day and night;
praise God down in the low valleys,
praise God because it's alright.

Praise God with holy cymbals,
praise God with strings and with pipes;
praise God with clashing cymbals,
praise God with all of your might.

SONG* - Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not-
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed, thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of abundance,
we confess that we have bought into the lie of scarcity
instead of trusting that you will sustain us.
We have taken more than we need,
while our neighbors go without.
We have cared for our own interests,
while neglecting the needs of others.
We have built a world where love is conditional
and resources are misused.
Forgive us, loving God,
for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
Give us the courage to trust in your provision,
knowing that there is room for all at your table.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SONG - The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust,

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON- Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

GOSPEL LESSON* - John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON - *A Fine Flaky Substance* - Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG - In Feast or Fallow

When the fields are dry,
and the winter is long,
blessed are the meek,
the hungry, the poor;
When my soul is downcast,
and my voice has no song,
for mercy, for comfort,
I wait on the Lord.

On a cross of wood,
where his blood was outpoured,
he rose from the ground,
like a bird to the sky;
Bringing peace to our violence
and crushing death's door,
our Maker incarnate,
our God who provides.

Refrain

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground
my certain hope is in Jesus found,
my lot, my cup, my portion sure,
whatever comes, we shall endure,
whatever comes we shall endure.

When the earth beneath me
crumbles and quakes,
not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head.
Without God's hand to guide me,
my shield and my strength,
in joy or in sorrow,
in life or in death.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING

SONG* - Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace,
come to the table of grace.
This is God's table;
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*