

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

10:00 am

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP* (from Psalm 50)

The heavens declare the righteousness of God. **The earth declares God's beauty.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting God's word shines forth in glory.

HYMN*

"Canticle of the Turning"

100

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent confession)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

582

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.

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Frieda Bostian "Seek justice: help the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow."

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Mark Freeman & Thomas DeBusk

GOSPEL – Luke 12:32-40
"Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit."

SERMON Dr. Linda Dickerson "Canticle of the Turning"

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

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN* "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" 350

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

Congregation

Go in peace, and the peace of God on this day be blest.
Go in peace, with the grace of God, giving trav'ler's rest.
I will hold you in my heart; Jesus loves you best.
Go in peace, and the grace of God, grant you trav'ler's rest.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - All are welcome!