

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 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* (adapted from Hebrews 11)

Behold the gathering of God's own: beside believers and among apostles, drawn together as disciples and doubters,

We are shoulder to shoulder with shepherds and saints!

Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care ... our doubt of your providence ... our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.

(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*

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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.

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 5:1-7 Emily Davis "God expected justice, but there was bloodshed; righteousness, but there was a cry of distress."

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Ann Marie Conner

GOSPEL – Luke 12:49-56
"When you see a cloud forming in the west,
you immediately say, 'It's going to rain.'"

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

"The Day of Resurrection"

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

The work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

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* "My Lord, What a Morning!"

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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!

STATED SESSION MEETING - Old Kitchen