



20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

Liturgist for today's worship is Sue Bentley.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Praise the Lord!

**Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Remember us, O Lord,
when you show favor to your people;*
**Let us know the blessing of your chosen ones
and the gladness of those you love.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Holy One, you are the Lord our God, yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is easily broken by the slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. You are easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost; the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Forgive us, Lord, and restore our trust and faithfulness.

[silence]

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

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 CHILDREN

GOSPEL– Matthew 22:1-14

Sue Bentley

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“There Is Grace”

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 32:1-14

SERMON

“Choosing Idols”

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

(from “The Immigrants’ Creed” by Juan Luis Casal)

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants. I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger; and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God’s kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Lord in your mercy, Hear our 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* *"O God, You Are My God Alone"* 696

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE, 59*

Congregation and Choir

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME - All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES