

**August 1, 2021 Worship**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome**

**Songs:** *Blessed Assurance; Cannons*

**Call to Worship:**

L: Come, people of God, and give thanks to the God who claims you!

C: We have been blessed in Christ.

L: Once we were far off,

C: But now we have been brought near.

L: Once we were strangers and aliens,

C: But now, in Christ, we have become one family.

L: There is only one body, one God who unites.

C: We will speak the truth in love. Come, Holy Spirit!

L: Be strong in the Lord and the strength of God's power.

C: The Spirit will keep us standing firm.

L: Pray at all times, keep alert, and persevere.

C: And speak boldly the hope we have in Christ!

L: As one body of Christ, we worship together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**A: Amen!**

**Songs:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness; I Stand in Awe of You*

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Children's Message**

**Message:** *Sermon*

**Songs:** *Take My Life*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Offering**

Lord, you provide us with everything we need—protection, sustaining words, and a community of support. Turn us away from our own concerns and outward to those who need what we have to offer—all the gifts with which you have blessed us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Confession**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of

angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and call to mind that on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Prepare now to be fed on the body and blood of our Lord. Fortify yourselves with the sacrament of salvation and renew your strength to continue the campaign entrusted to us by Jesus, our caretaker, host and guide. Come, eat, and be restored!

## **Communion**

**Song:** *More Love More Power*

## **Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

## **Blessing**

May the Lord bless and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

Go now in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**A: Amen!**

**Song:** *How Can I Keep From Singing*

## **Dismissal**

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Next Sunday:** *Psalm 46, Acts 2:37-42*

*A few questions to consider throughout the week ...*

- Where have you seen or experienced God at work this past week?
- Did you take a picture or make a note about seeing or experiencing God at work?
- In what way can you "Bring Christ's Love to Life" this week?
- Who do you know that could use some 'Good News'?