



10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

11:00 am



The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

"Welcome Holy Spirit"Hilde M. Bedsvaag

Welcome Holy Spirit

Be here with Your presence

Fill me with Your power

Live inside of me

You're the living water

Never-drying fountain

Comforter and Counselor

Take complete control

Welcome Holy Spirit

Be here with Your presence

Fill me with Your power

Live inside of me

Live inside of me

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(stand) **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles
the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen**

OPENING SONG

"They'll Know we are Christians" Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

And we'll guard each man's dignity

And save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love



**All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

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(stand) **GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray...
O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share
your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and
greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of
our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

(sit) **FIRST READING Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TALK

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"You are the Living Word" Fred Hammond

Bread of heaven sent down from glory

Many things You were on earth

A holy king, a carpenter

Well You are the Living Word

(stand) **GOSPELMark 10:46-52**

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) **SERMON Rt. Reverend Dr. G. Victor Padmore**

SONG OF THE DAY

"I Know a Name" ... Brandon Lake | Hank Bentley | Jacob Sooter | Steven Furtick

**I know a Name
That can silence roaring waves
I know a Name
That can empty out a grave
I know a Name
It's the only Name that saves
And it's worthy of all praise**

**I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Healer
Risen and reigning in power
Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Savior
Worthy of glory forever
Something comes out of the grave
(Every time I call Your Name)**

**I have a King
With dominion over death
He holds the keys
In his holy nail-scarred hands
He is the heel
That has crushed the serpent's head
Our resurrected Great I Am**

**I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Healer
Risen and reigning in power
Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Savior
Worthy of glory forever
Something comes out of the grave**



**Every time I call Your Name
Chains break dry bones wake
Every time I call Your Name
The gates of hell shake
(Every time I call Your Name)**

**Chains break dry bones wake
Every time I call Your Name
The gates of hell shake
(Every time I call Your Name)
(Every time I call Your Name)**

**Where oh death is now your sting
And where oh grave your victory
Where oh death is now your sting
And where oh grave your victory**

**Dead things come alive
Dead things come alive
Dead things come alive
In the name of Jesus
Dead things come alive
Dead things come alive
Dead things come alive
In the name of Jesus**

**I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Healer
Risen and reigning in power
Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Savior
Worthy of glory forever
Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call Your Name**

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(stand) **APOSTLES' CREED**

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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.**

(stand) **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace,"

*The response is "**hear our prayer.**"*

P Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(sit)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“We Are An Offering”..... Dwight Liles

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,
C you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

(stand)

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!
C Thanks be to God.

(sit)

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Piano Meditations.....LeRoy D. Kennedy

(stand)

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Let us pray...
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P** The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"They'll Know we are Christians"Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

And we'll guard each man's dignity

And save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

All praise to the Father

From whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus

**His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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