

July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PRELUDE & CANDLELIGHTING

Acolyte

Centering Thought

God, let the Word you have for us today fall upon our hearts and open us to your presence.

OPENING PRAYER

All people: Holy Spirit, descend upon our hearts and meet us here on this day. May you find our spirits open and our hearts receptive to your word for us this day. With our songs and prayers, our witness and reflection, may we faithfully go where you call us to be. In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: Holy One, we come before you with contrite hearts. You know what we've done and left undone. You know who we've betrayed and harmed. We know that some of those sins have left a life-long impact on others. We wonder with humility, that you still love us. In doing so, you hope we will do better. We do not always mean to hurt or cause harm, yet we easily cover up our sins – the intentional and unintentional wrongs. We bow before you in this moment with hope and trust that you won't push us away but will draw us home once more into the transforming arms of your never-failing love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Confessions, whether spoken aloud or acknowledged silently within our hearts, are pleasing to our God. In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for Christ's mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

SERMON

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: In response to God's unfailing love, let us bring our time, talents, and treasures to serve the ministries to which we are called. We do so, with a song and a prayer.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God

Blue Hymnal, #46

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go - in the heavens above, or the earth and ocean below—to escape your loving care. Receive today the offering we make and bless our gifts, that they may be a blessing. May this offering reflect our sincerest hope that all may be filled with your fullness. In the name of the one who calls us, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now may God, who has shown us a better life in Christ Jesus, give us that life in Him this week, that we may share it with the world in grace and gladness of spirit.

All people: Amen.

POSTLUDE & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

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Resources

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