

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1st 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

from Ephesians 4:2, 4–6

One: Come, let us worship our God,

**All: for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Parent of all,**

One: who is above all and through all and in all.

**All: We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love.**

Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vrs. 1)

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Call to Confession

God has given us a sign promising that love is stronger than death. The message of the cross is freedom from bondage to sin. Let us confess, repent, and seek God's forgiveness, knowing it is already ours.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God,

our selfish ways have harmed your good world.

We have used others

without regard for their dignity;

we have abused the earth

without concern for the future;

we have not spoken the truth in love.

Ephesians 4:15

God, change us we pray.

Free us from our selfishness.

Bind us to your people, the body of Christ,

and let us bear witness to the truth

that your love holds all things together.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from John 6:35

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes to Jesus Christ will never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst. Hear and believe this gospel good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

from John 6:33

Holy God, may the reading of your Word be for us the bread you send from heaven that gives life to the world. In the name of Christ, who is that bread, **Amen.**

First Reading Exodus 15:2-4, 9-15

The LORD is my strength and my power;
he has become my salvation.

This is my God, whom I will praise,
the God of my ancestors, whom I will acclaim.

³The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he hurled into the sea;
his elite captains were sunk in the Reed Sea.

The enemy said, "I'll pursue, I'll overtake,
I'll divide the spoils of war.
I'll be overfilled with them.
I'll draw my sword; my hand will destroy them."

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered over them.
They sank like lead in the towering waters.

¹¹Who is like you among the gods, LORD?
Who is like you, foremost in holiness,
worthy of highest praise, doing awesome deeds?

¹²You raised your strong hand;
earth swallowed them up.

¹³With your great loyalty you led the people you rescued;
with your power you guided them to your sanctuary.

¹⁴The peoples heard, they shook in terror;
horror grabbed hold of Philistia's inhabitants.

¹⁵Then Edom's tribal chiefs were terrified;
panic grabbed hold of Moab's rulers;
all of Canaan's inhabitants melted in fear.

Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

Anthem *When He Came* -- Ruth Elaine Schram

Second Reading John 6:24-35

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. ²⁷ Don’t work for the food that doesn’t last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life.”

²⁸ They asked, “What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent.”

³⁰ They asked, “What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*”

³² Jesus told them, “I assure you, it wasn’t Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ They said, “Sir, give us this bread all the time!”

³⁵ Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon Bread from Heaven

Responding to the Word

Hymn 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together (vrs 1)* LET US BREAK BREAD

Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

HYMN 554

Amen

LAND OF REST

Sharing the Feast

Prayer after Communion

Dedicating our Gifts

Each of us has been given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Let us give a measure of what has already been given to us.

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Charge & Benediction

Blessing

"Irish Blessing"

Inside back of the hymnal

Postlude