

July 28th

(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

“More Than We Can Ask or Imagine”

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

(2 Samuel 11:1-15; John 6:1-21)

During this first part of Pentecost, we have focused on the Spirit’s guidance into all truth. Recognizing that truth is not our possession and is beyond our ability to contain or control, we have affirmed that truth is something that needs to be discovered and discerned. We have also been studying through the summer months the book *“Trust: Knowing When to Give it. When to Withhold It. How to Earn It and How To Fix It When It Gets Broken”* by Dr. Henry Cloud. As we bring this study to a conclusion and begin to move into the fall and all that lies before us, it is important to remember the truth about God and God’s capability. God can do far more than we can ask or imagine. Our leaders will fail and falter. The story from 2 Samuel is about the mighty King David giving into his own desires and needs. Despite having led the people of Israel and shown incredible faith in his leadership of the people of God, he still failed in controlling his own desires. The story from the Gospel of John shows the difference in how God looks at situations than we do. We look at the need and challenges and evaluate based on our own abilities and resources. Jesus knew what he was going to do because he knew what was available from God. Our reading from Ephesians reminds us that God is capable of far more than we can ask or imagine. This is the truth we pray God leads us into. We have many challenges and decisions before us. How does it change things to know that God is capable of far more than we can ask or imagine?