

Now faith is the assurance of things
hoped for, the conviction of things
not seen.

- Hebrews 11:1

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2019 9:30 AM

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Heavenly Father, we come to You today in worship and thanksgiving. Thank you for keeping and protecting us. Thank you for Your guidance and direction. You are an awesome God, and it is because of You we choose to gather together and worship this day in this place. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Festive Prelude on HYMN TO JOY* Travis

INTROIT *Joyfully Sing to God Forever* Haydn
Chancel Choir

#*CALL TO WORSHIP *Bill Hymers*

One: At the dawn of the day you are with us, O God,

ALL: *Filling us with hope, giving us a clear vision of the way to be taken.*

One: In the heat of the day you are with us, O God,

ALL: *Strengthening us in the struggle, encouraging us when the way is rough and testing.*

One: In the cool of the evening you are with us, O God,

ALL: *Calling us to thanksgiving, enabling us to reflect faithfully on our experiences and our challenges along the way.*

One: In this service you are with us, O God,

ALL: *Calling us to worship Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 65 *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Ever-present God, with faith we proclaim that you are our God. Like people throughout the ages we turn to you, naming our need for forgiveness. It has been too easy for us to go about our daily lives, ignoring your call to speak truth and live love. We have walked our own paths, rather than your way of peace and reconciliation. We have lived for today, rather than living for your coming Kingdom. Forgive us and set us free. We pray in the name of the compassionate Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The writing of Peter declares it: Once we were no people, but now we are God's People! Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received God's mercy!
ALL: *Thanks be to the God who forgives us when we seek forgiveness. Thanks be to the God who makes all things new. Alleluia! Amen!*

#* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *(Hymn: 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

(After the Time with Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children's Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

***HYMN: 658**

God Is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(p. 35 in front of hymnal)*

ANTHEM

Is There Room for a Sinner?
Natalie Coffman, Naji Combs, Duet
Chancel Choir

Choplin

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Hymers

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-5a (pg.10)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(responsive, see insert)*

Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-19 (insert)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"Faithful Followers"

Rev. John H. White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison) *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) p. 14* Rev. John White
***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew,
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING

ORGAN *Prelude on CWM RHONDDA* Burtonwood
OFFERTORY Dr. Terry McRoberts, organist

*Doxology (Tune: 607) OLD HUNDREDTH
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***
*Dedicatory Prayer *Bill Hymers*

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 738**
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* Dufner
Chancel Choir

***ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Fugue in F Minor* Bach

ACOLYTES: *Ridley Alexander and Sam Thompson*