

# Renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10, NIV

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Loving Trinity, your justice is the working out of your mercy and peace on earth. Nourish us with the power of the Son, and let us grow into his image and likeness. Humble us in our self conceits so that we act not arrogantly but with humility, patience, forbearance, and love. Equip us for ministry on behalf of all who cry out to you. Help us to live lives worthy of the calling to which you call us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Whitworth

### INTROIT

*Come into God's Presence*

Anon

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Chris Alexander*

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

**Many:** *We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.*

One: Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

**Many:** *We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.*

One: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**Many:** *We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.*

One: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**Many:** *We gather now to worship God.*

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE: 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

*Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. (continued)*

*God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise of our faith is that whoever turns to Jesus Christ will never hunger for forgiveness and that which gives life to the world. That is a promise of joy and of peace. Share that peace with one another.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God. 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.*

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **ANTHEM**

*O Savior Sweet*

**Bach**

Izzy Arthurs, Gabby Rogers, Kala Jordan, Zane Milan, Evan Holt

## **THE WORD**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Elder Chris Alexander*

### **PSALM READING**

*Psalms 51:1-12  
(Page 520)*

*Elder Chris Alexander*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
(Page 284-285)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### **SERMON**

*"Who's the Man?"*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## RESPONSE

### \*CONFESSION OF 1967 *(Inclusive version)*

*Elder Chris Alexander*

*God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.*

*(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

*Elder Chris Alexander*

### OFFERTORY

*Interlude*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

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

*Elder Chris Alexander*

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

## SENDING

### \*CHARGE

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### \*BENEDICTION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### \*SENDING FORTH

*We Go in Peace*

Christopher

### POSTLUDE

*Festive Scherzo*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Archer