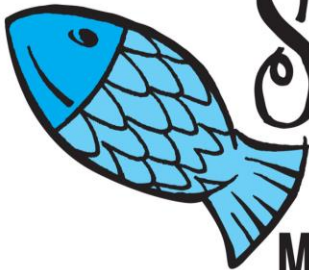


AND THEY

ALL ATE

AND WERE

SATISFIED.



MATTHEW 14:20, ESV



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES *(Matthew 4:4)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: One does not live by bread alone.

ALL: *But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRELUDE

Prelude on DUKE STREET

Held

Dr. Terry McRoberts

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Hopson

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Isaiah 55:1-5)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink from the waters of life!

ALL: *You that have no money, come and receive food and drink without price.*

One: Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

ALL: *Why do you work for what does not nurture you?*

One: Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

ALL: *Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.*

One: Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

ALL: *They will come running to you because our Covenant God will raise you up, transform you, and make you shine.*

*HYMN: 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

The promise of our faith is this: for all who call out in truth, God is near. Therefore let us honestly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by the false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: Here is good news for everyone: God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love, and gives us forgiveness and grace. We do not have to earn it with sacrifice because it is a free gift from a generous God!

ALL: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Sacred Harp Suite
Chancel Choir

Carter

MINUTE FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FROM OUR YOUTH

Ayden Johnson

Ridley Alexander

Je'Delle Ross

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Roger + Rebecca Stanfield (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Blest be the Tie that Binds (Hymn 306)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***HYMN: 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:1-5* (page 685)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING *Matthew 14:13-21 (page 16)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

All That We Need

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Rev. John White

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

Rev. John White

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. by Wyrzten

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

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

Rev. John White

SENDING

***HYMN: 415** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

Rutter

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Baroque Trumpet

Young

Dr. Terry McRoberts