

Trinity Church Welcomes You

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 27, 2024

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*Indicates standing as you are able.

Bold indicates “in unison”.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings,

we come to praise you.

We come because we want to,

we sing our songs because we are glad to,

we pray for your grace because we need to,

and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts

because without it we are a dead loss.

Please lift every shutter within our mind,

and open every door within our soul,

that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in.

Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!

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***OPENING HYMN**

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH #141

1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;

unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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OPENING PRAYER

Living God cover us with your Holy Spirit to open our eyes to read your Holy Word, our ears to hear your Holy Word, and our minds to understanding the lessons that you teach. Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

God's Word for God's People

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3: 14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

God's Word for God's People

***GOSPEL READING**

John 6: 1-21

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and

sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

Filled with the Fulness of God

Pastor Gaylund

HYMN

Near to the Heart of God

UMH #472

1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. [*Refrain*]

3. There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. [*Refrain*]

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and set us again on the right path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our hearts are hard, O God –
Soften them with your love.**

**Our hands are clenched, O God –
Open them with your grace.**

**Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –
Invite us to dance with you.**

For good things left undone, and wrong things done – forgive us, O God.

Our lives are not our own, we know –

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.

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<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession>. Used with permission.

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are set free. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

***OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95
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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. Amen.

(2 Samuel 7:1-14a)

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long
time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have
failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

Adapted from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book, (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN**

Abide with Me

UMH #700

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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BENEDICTION

May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much. May
you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all. Go in peace,
do good, do no harm, stay in love with God and cultivate love
everywhere you go. Amen.

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