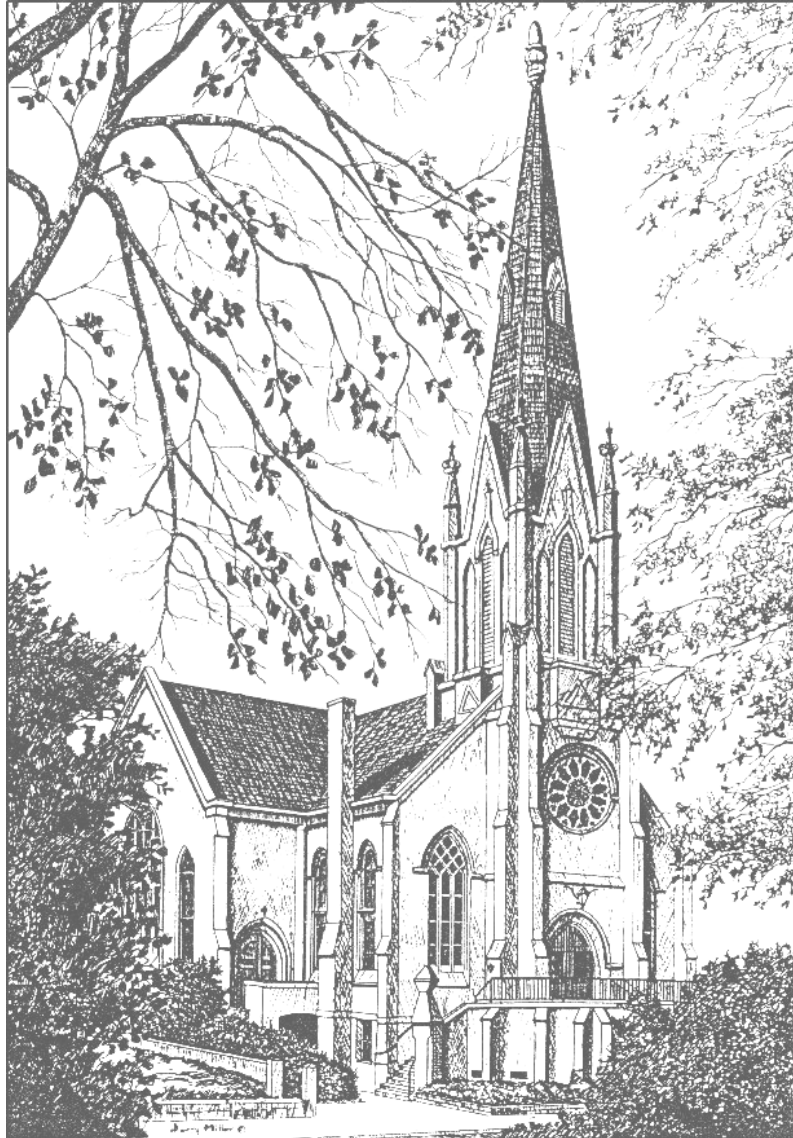


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2020

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. We continue with readings from Genesis, Romans, and Matthew, all of which speak to significant concerns today. In Genesis, we read about family conflict and violence, a story we know ends well, yet a story that reveals the darker side of human nature which must not be ignored. In Romans, we read a passage which was critical to the claims of early reformers, as Paul insists that what matters most is that we confess faith with our lips and believe in our hearts, not that we follow all the dictates of any established church. In Matthew, we continue to follow Jesus in his Galilean ministry, as he seeks rest after feeding thousands but ends up coming to his disciples' aid in the midst of a storm. While all three texts provide helpful insight, the sermon explores the Gospel reading wherein Jesus practices much-needed self-care yet also responds to his disciples' needs. How do we balance these two important concerns, especially in this time of much need? As we ponder this challenge, we sing praise to the God who cares for our every need and lift up prayers for the world.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Prelude

"The Church's One Foundation"
Mary Alice Seals, piano

arr. Anna Laura Page

The Trinity Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."

The Call to Worship (responsive)¹

LEADER: As we come together, O Lord, we are tossed to and fro on waves of fear and doubt.

PEOPLE: **O Calmer of troubled waters, let us hear again your reassuring words, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."**

LEADER: As we come together today, O Lord, we are driven here and there by winds of ambition and pride.

PEOPLE: **O Healer of troubled souls, let us hear again your reassuring words, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."**

ALL: **Come, Lord Jesus, and bless our worship with the gift of your presence, that we might find peace for our anxious hearts and meaning for our troubled lives.**

The Invocation

Lynn Lingafelt



In heaven - ly love a - bid - ing, no change my heart shall fear;
 Wher - ev - er he may guide me no want shall turn me back;
 Green pas - tures are be - fore me, which yet I have not seen;

and safe is such con - fid - ing, for noth - ing chang - es here.
 my Shep - herd is be - side me and noth - ing can I lack:
 bright skies will soon be o'er me where dark - est clouds have been;

The storm may roar a - round me, my heart may low be laid;
 his wis - dom ev - er wak - eth, his sight is nev - er dim;
 my hope I can - not meas - ure, my path to life is free;

but God is round a - bout me, and can I be dis - mayed?
 he knows the way he tak - eth, and I will walk with him.
 my Sav - ior has my treas - ure, and he will walk with me.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Leah Reed

¹Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God**

The Morning Prayer

Trey Davis

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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.**

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Musical Meditation	“How Great Thou Art” Becky Mercer, flute	arr. Lloyd Larson
The Sermon	“Balancing Self-Care with Concern for Others”	Christopher Chapman
The Musical Response	“Here I Am, Lord” Becky Mercer, flute	Schutte/arr. Courtney

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

The Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, “you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”

The Postlude	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Mary Alice Seals, piano	arr. Anna Laura Page
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Our acolytes today are Jay, Luke, and Meg Foster.

The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*. As of August 4, we have received \$6,420 toward our goal of \$10,000.