



AUGUST 9, 2020

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH #139)
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty, reconciliation out of estrangement. Open our hearts to know that you do not leave us alone, but labor to make all of us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy of being your people. Amen.

Morning Has Broken (UMH #145)

**Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER

Give Thanks (TFWS #2036)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)**

MORNING PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Come, Christians Join To Sing"

Jerry Aultman

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

Wade in the Water (TFWS #2107)

**Chorus: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water.**

**See that host all dressed in white, God's a gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a gonna trouble the water. Chorus**

**See that band all dressed in red, God's a gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led, God's a gonna trouble the water. Chorus**

**Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a coming on me, God's a gonna trouble the water. Chorus**

**If you don't' believe I've been redeemed, God's a gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's a gonna trouble the water. Chorus**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33 (CEB)

"Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

SPECIAL MUSIC

“When I Survey the Wonderful Cross”

Stan Petrel

SERMON

“Why is Faith so Difficult? ”

Rev. David Lord

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (TFWS# 2151)

**I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me, I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Shalom to You (UMH#666)

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

MAY GOD’S PEACE BE WITH YOU
