TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 14, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Craig Miller

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - IMMOKALEE FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE Alan Penick

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** James Jordan

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

At the works of your hands I sing for joy.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 634** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)**

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Craig Miller

O God, we need your forgiveness.
For the failure to do what we know is right;
for the failure to love and to forgive
and to serve others as we know we ought to do;
for the failure to be what we can be,
and to do what we can do, forgive us, O God.

Help us to live the new life
you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel;
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Praise the Lord*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:49-56

SERMON *Division or Unity?* Craig Miller

***HYMN 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*
James Jordan

The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection
become personal crisis and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience,
the Spirit brings God 's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community
in which people know that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.

They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Precious Lord

Goodness of God

Lean on the Lord

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP Craig Miller

***HYMN 694** *Great God of Every Blessing* AURELIA

Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

***BENEDICTION** Craig Miller

SENDING SONGS

This Little Light of Mine

Amen

We are delighted to welcome Syreeta Banks, guest vocalist, from Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, to our worship services today.

We also welcome Alan Penick, treasurer of our mission partner, Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, Inc. You are encouraged to learn more about this vital ministry by visiting their website: https://immokaleefairhousing.org/