



TENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 1, 2021
10:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Steven Phillips

INTROIT

Indescribable
(Lisa Saba, vocalist)

Reeves and Story

Verse 1

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming—

Chorus 1

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God!
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God!

Verse 2

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom— **(Chorus 1)**

Chorus 2

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God!
Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same:
You are amazing, God!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 29:11-13
Kay Steinman

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.

When you call upon me and come and pray to me,
I will hear you.

When you search for me, you will find me;
if you seek me with all your heart.

** Those who are able will please stand.*

*** HYMN 509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Holy One,
We have dressed for the day—and polished our smiles.
When asked, we will say we are fine.
Only you know the longings of our hearts.

Gather us in and give us to each other
that the truth might be spoken in this place.
Let the healing we discover—send us out into the world
with eyes open to the needs of others.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Blessing of School Supplies and Donations for Brentwood Students

HYMN 770 (vv. 1, 3, & 4) *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; . . .

Here all the world will find a welcome; . . .

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:24-35

SERMON

Looking for Jesus

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From A Declaration of Faith

Kay Steinman

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The bread of God that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world—
that bread is to be found at this table—and in the company of God's people.
If you are looking for Jesus, draw close.
We come, at his invitation.

Feed us, Lord.
Feed us, Lord.
In the broken bread, be revealed again.
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Author of life,
In every chapter of your people's story
You blessed us that we might be a blessing.
You asked us to tend your world.

And every time we wandered from your way,
you sent prophets and poets and priests
to remind us of our holy charge.
When still we would not listen, your mercy took flesh.
You came to dwell among us in fearless love.

Quench us, Lord.
Quench us, Lord.
On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

In the fullness of time, your fierce and tender love took flesh.
You did not come in wrath, but as the Holy One among us.
You bent down to us. You healed us, and fed us—
until the scandal of your love was more than we could bear
and we handed you over, not knowing what we did.

Breath of Life,
move now in this place; make known your power in this simple meal.
As we taste the bread and lift the cup, grant us courage.

Fill us, Lord.
Fill us, Lord,
with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

We pray as he taught us:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Faithful God,
You have fed us at your table and bound us to each other.
Now send us into the world to spend and share the grace we have tasted.

Lead us, Lord.
Lead us, Lord,
nourished here by Christ, given strength for life.
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Steven Phillips

* SONG / HYMN

You Restore My Soul

Read, Fury and Harris

Verse 1

The Lord is my shepherd, he restores my soul.
He leads me by still waters, he restores my soul.
Surely your goodness and mercy are chasing after me
All of the days of my life.

Chorus

Even when I'm lost in the deepest valley
I'll fear no evil.
Even when the silence falls around me
I know you hear me.
Even when it feels like we're separated
You're holding onto me.

Verse 2

You lift my head, you wipe my tears, you restore my soul.
You draw me into your embrace, you restore my soul.
Surely your goodness and mercy are chasing after me
All of the days of my life. (Chorus)

Bridge

You restore my soul. (4 times)

(Interlude)

Ending

The Lord is my shepherd, he restores my soul.
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* BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Celebration for Horn and Organ
(Connor Landers, French Horn)

Randall Faust