TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 2024
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE Adagio from Symphony V C. M. Widor

from Psalm 100

CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Smith

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

***HYMN 624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
we confess that when times get hard
our faith often gets soft,
causing us to doubt your goodness
and your faithfulness.
Forgive us.
Help us to see trials as opportunities
to grow closer to you.
Grant us the strength to persevere,
so that our faith
may grow and mature.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 805** (vv. 1 & 4) *Come Sing to God* ELLA COMBE

Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SOLO *An Instrument of Thy Peace* (Prayer of St. Francis) Gwyneth Walker
(Jenny Kim-Godfrey, soprano)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING James 1:2-4

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Growing Pains* Rev. Boggess
Seriously: James and the Jesus Life

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER John Matta

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Let the Life I've Lived Speak For Me* Spiritual/arr. Walker
(Jenny Kim-Godfrey, soprano)

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Study Catechism* (1998)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Linda Smith

I love because God first loved me.
God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends.
Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself.
I live for the Lord who died and rose again,
triumphant over death, for my sake.
Therefore, I take those around me to heart,
especially those in particular need,
knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 343** (vv. 1, 3-6) *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Allegro from Concerto in A minor BWV 593 Bach/Vivaldi

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

Our guest organist today is **Cynthia Roberts-Greene**, who grew up in Sarasota and studied organ and piano locally. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Music degree from Florida State University, and her Master's in organ from the Eastman School of Music as a student of Russell Saunders. Cynthia has concertized extensively in Southwest Florida and in the U.S. She is the former Music Director-Organist of Siesta Key Chapel, and served as Music Director-Organist of Temple Emanu-El for 26 years.

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