

August 17, 2025 – Livestream Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

Announcements Jill Moffett

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE Depth of Mercy arr. R.G. te Velde

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us confess that Jesus Christ is the Sovereign of our souls.

People: Glory to God for Christ the faithful Shepherd. Leader: Let us celebrate that Jesus Christ is the Lord of life.

People: Glory to God for Christ the liberating Judge.

*OPENING HYMN #340

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose love is the measure of our lives:
Grant us mercy to correct our ways
that the refining fire of your hard truth will purge us of sin and evil
and make our hearts the fertile ground of your righteous hope;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; who formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye: if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, Thou God, art present there.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Leader: Please listen, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph's descendants like a flock.

O God, enthroned above the cherubim,

display your radiant glory to Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh.

People: Show us your mighty power. Come to rescue us!

Leader: You brought us from Egypt like a grapevine;

you drove away the pagan nations and transplanted us into your land.

People: You cleared the ground for us,

and we took root and filled the land.

Leader: Our shade covered the mountains;

our branches covered the mighty cedars.

People: We spread our branches west to the sea;

our shoots spread east to the river.

Leader: But now, why have you broken down our walls

so that all who pass by may steal our fruit?

People: The wild boar from the forest devours it,

and the wild animals feed on it.

Leader: Come back, we beg you, O God of Heaven's Armies.

Look down from heaven and see our plight.

People: Take care of this grapevine that you yourself have planted,

this son you have raised for yourself.

Leader: For we are chopped up and burned by our enemies.

May they perish at the sight of your frown.

People: Strengthen the one you love, the child of your choice.

Leader: Then we will never abandon you again.

Revive us so we can call on your name once more.

People: Turn us again to yourself, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies.

Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?
- ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished garden.

The Lord expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #355

Depth of Mercy

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?

I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face, would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls.

I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified, oft profaned his hallowed name, put him to an open shame.

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands. God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

Prayers of the People Brandon Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

Musical Response #2157

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God has shown you, has shown you, God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Doxology #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What to Do With the 47.4% God

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #730

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power; come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

^{*}THE BLESSING

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy P. Esterline on what would have been her 111th birthday, August 20th, by her family.

The red carnation on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Rowyn Blair Kea on August 5 to Josie and Colin Kea and proud grandparents Jan and Perry Kea.



Upcoming Events:

Summer Choir, August 17 – August 31, 10:15am, Chapel

Farmer's Market Season August 21, September 4, 4:00-6:00pm

Family Fishing Day August 23, 10:00am - Noon Eagle Creek State Park / Lilly Lake

Children's Movie Night Under the Big Tent September 6, 6:30pm-9:00pm Parking Lot

Worship Without Walls
September 7, 11:00am (One Service Only)

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