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10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ordinary Time (Proper 13)
August 1, 2021



Butterfly and Wild Rose; Shibata Zeshin

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If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me. ~ Psalm 139:9-10

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE PRELUDE IN F MAJOR

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118:1, 2, 19-29)

Give thanks to the LORD, who alone is good;

whose steadfast love is everlasting!

Let the gates of righteousness be opened

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gracious and eternal God,

Let the silent mystery of your Spirit surround, sustain and excite us.

Transform our gathering to your glory, and perfect our worship for your praise. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

GTG #318

By John Oxenham

ST. PETER

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession*.

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint: We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be. Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

HALLE HALLE

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 6:24-35

(NRSV)

ANTHEM

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

GTG #417

by Synesius of Cyrene; trans. Allen W. Chatfield

SOUTHWELL

HEBREW BIBLE

ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

COUNTING BUTTERFLIES

Amanda Horan

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. ... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE DOXOLOGY GTG #606

Words by Thomas Ken OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

~ SENDING ~

HYMN YOU ARE MY STRENGTH WHEN I AM WEAK GTG #519 by Dennis L. Jernigan

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FUGUE IN F MAJOR J.S. Bach

Please join us in the gathering room or courtyard for coffee and tea.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit, for the liturgy marked with asterisks.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA; *Presbyterian Outlook*, McDowell Ott; and Revised Common Lectionary Prayers Call to Worship: written by Jeff Shrowder, and posted on *The Billabong* website.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/

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