

Parish Hall Worship Service
10th Sunday after Pentecost – August 17, 2025 9:30 AM

GATHERING SONG

I Am

There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

Take me in with Your arms spread wide
Take me in like an orphan child
Never let go never leave my side

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on I am

Love like this O my God to find
I am overwhelmed with a joy divine
Love like this sets our hearts on fire

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on I am

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This is my resurrection song
This is my hallelujah come
This is why it's to You I run

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There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

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In the middle of the storm
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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PASTOR

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

OPENING SONG

Chain Breaker

If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life

If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify, testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

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Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

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Psalms 82

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² **"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"**

³ Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’ ”

⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING

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Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

PASTOR

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said:] 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?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
I won't suffer anymore at His table

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord

I know He has a place for me
Oh what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord
At the table of the Lord

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table

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APOSTLES' CREED

PASTOR

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY SONG

I Am Free

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise

Through You all hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams I am free

I am free to run (I am free to run)
I am free to dance (I am free to dance)
I am free to live for You (I am free to live for You)
I am free (I am free)

I am free to run (I am free to run)
I am free to dance (I am free to dance)
I am free to live for You (I am free to live for You)
I am free (I am free)

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise
Through You all hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams I am free

I am free to run (I am free to run)
I am free to dance (I am free to dance)
I am free to live for You (I am free to live for You)
I am free (I am free)

O I am free (I am free)
I am free (I am free)

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OFFERING PRAYER

PASTOR

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work
for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PASTOR

COMMUNION SONGS

Two Hands (We're All Gathered Here)

We're all gathered here
Because we all believe
If there's a doubter in the crowd
We ask you not to leave
Give a listen to His story
Hear the message that we bring
Feel the faith swell up inside you
Lift your voice with us and sing

Accept Him with your whole heart
And use your own two hands
With one reach out to Jesus
And with the other bring a friend

Many know Him well others just by name
If you don't know for what He stands
You've really much to gain
With faith You can move mountains
These are common words but true
We aren't quite a mountain
But He's moved us here to you

Accept Him with your whole heart
And use your own two hands
With one reach out to Jesus
And with the other bring a friend

We're Forgiven

Wine and bread that symbolize
Blood and body sacrificed
You're the only one that can see
All my impurities

Christ my Savior, I ask Thee
My transgressions, forgive me
You're the only one that can clean
All my impurities

We're forgiven

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PASTOR

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BLESSING

PASTOR

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Are You There, Jesus?

When your life's in disarray, and you're feeling down
Your skies are dark and your world is crashing all around
Keep the faith, the Lord is near and help is on the way
If you ask you will receive so get on your knees and pray

Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?
Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?
And He'll be there for you. He will comfort you.
He will strengthen you.
Are you there Jesus and He'll be there for you.

When your life becomes a blur, and you feel alone

You're searchin' deep to find some peace, but you're finding none
Keep the faith, the Lord is near and help is on the way
If you ask you will receive so get on your knees and pray

Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?
Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?
And He'll be there for you. He will comfort you.
He will strengthen you.
Are you there Jesus and He'll be there for you.

Sing Jesus, Jesus, oh Jesus, are you there?
Jesus, Jesus, oh Jesus, is there for you.

Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?
Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?
And He'll be there for you. He will comfort you.
He will strengthen you.
Are you there Jesus and He'll be there for you.

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GOOD NEWS

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DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.