

August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 101

Leader: I will sing of loyalty and of justice. To you, O Lord, I will sing?

People: I will study the way that is blameless. When shall I attain it? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house.

Leader: I will not set before my eyes anything that is base. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

People: Perverseness of heart shall be far from me. I will know nothing of evil.

Leader: I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, so that they may live with me.

People: No one who practices deceit shall remain in my house. No one who utters lies shall continue in my presence.

*Song of Praise

“Love Lifted Me”

Celebration Hymnal No. 508

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Lord God, You reign over all with justice and mercy, with love and forgiveness, with glory and honor. We confess that as we have cried out to You for justice to fall upon others, that we have sought mercy for ourselves. Help us to love others as You love us. Help us to forgive others as You forgive us. Fill us with a deeper love for You so we will live daily to bring You the glory and honor. Shine forth the light of Jesus through our lives, that others might be drawn to trust in Him. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and a desire that seeks to know You fully when we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

First Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Sermon

“Walking on Water”

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Hymn of Reflection “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Celebration Hymnal No. 581

Pastoral Prayer

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.*

*Hymn of Going Forth
Celebration Hymnal No

“My Faith Still Holds”

No. 544

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Make Us One”

Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you; we are one in you.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

First Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Word of God for the people of God.

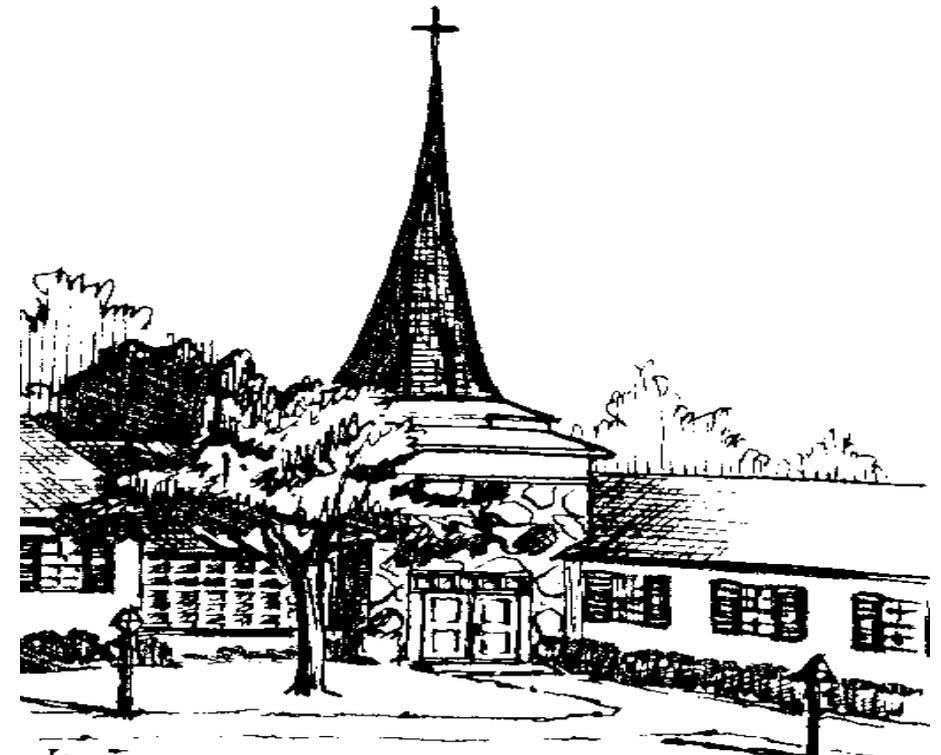
All: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME!

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

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