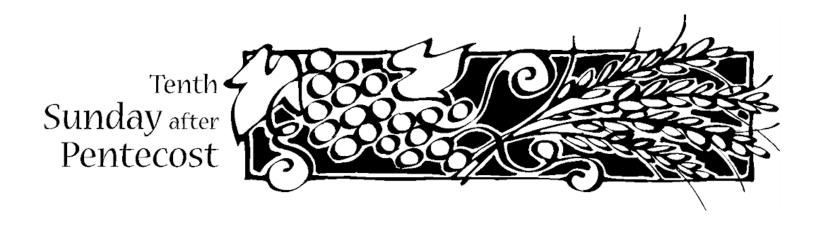


August 1, 2021 10:00 a.m.



**PRELUDE** 

Prelude #1 J.S. Bach

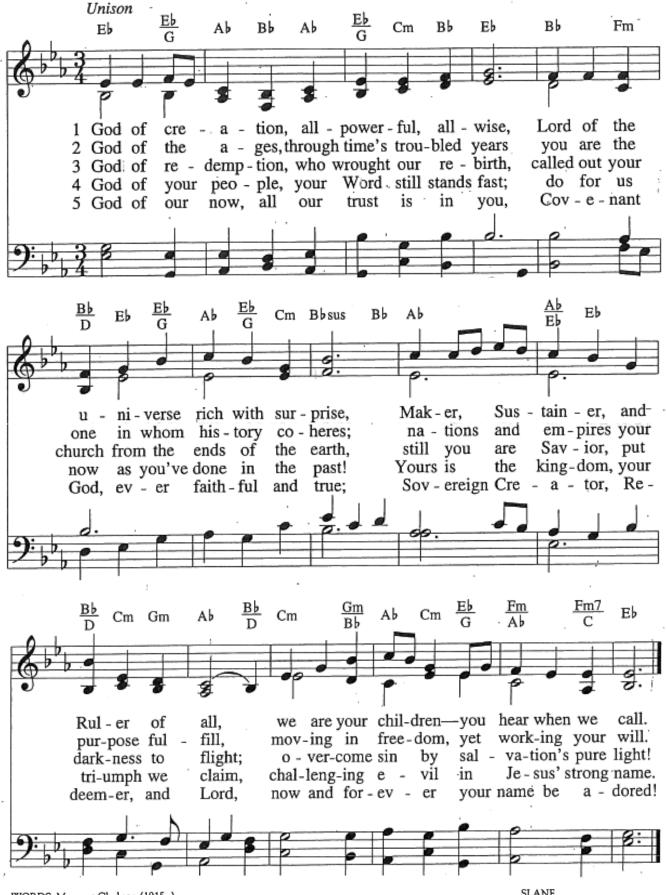
**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#27 God of Creation, All-Powerful

**SLANE** 



### \*INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you who loved us first, we come into the Sanctuary of your Presence and quiet our souls before you. In the silence that falls from your throne, we recall that you provide the very air we breathe, you made the food we eat, you offer the water we drink, you create the beauty so evident around us. Yet, in the face of these lavish gifts from your hand, we become complacent, entitled...bored. Compassionate God, stir our hearts to see and hear how we sin against you in our insatiable desire for more, on one hand, and our failure to recognize your unfailing generosity, on the other.

Heavenly parent, come near and make us aware that what we do matters to you.

Righteous God, make us new.

In the moment now before us, show us how to live as your beloved children.

Draw us close to you as you teach us to be your friends.

Astonish us once again with your forgiveness.

Set us on the path that makes you glad.

Let your love shine through our hearts and into the world that you also love beyond measure. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

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.

### FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:26 -12:13

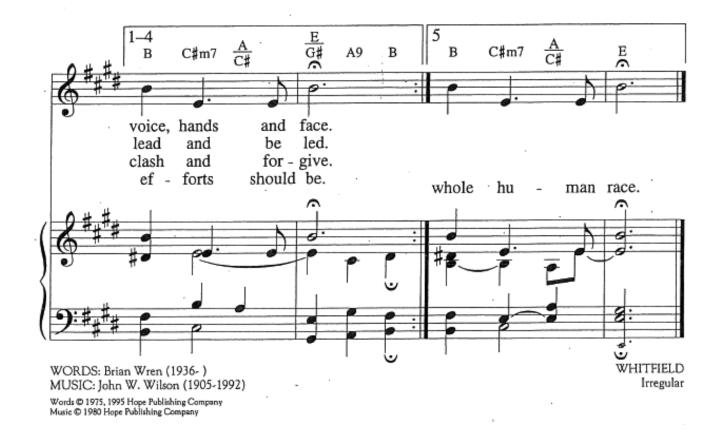
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#594 We Are Your People

WHITFIELD





## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:1-16

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Kathy Brown

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION #691 With the Body That Was Broken

**PICARDY** 



# \*The Passing of the Peace

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven. and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick 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.

\*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

# The Bread The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

### WORDS OF THE SHARING

One: Living among us, Jesus loved us.

In word and deed, he proclaimed the good news of a new story of love,

healing and wholeness.

Jesus welcomed all to his table.

Many: In the imitation of God's love, Jesus taught us to love the stranger, the outsider, and the enemy.

He redirected us from violence to peace, from fear to faith,

from rivalry to mutual service,

from worry and greed to generosity, justice, and joy.

One: On the night when he loved his disciples to the very end, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, "This is my body, it is for you."

As supper was ending, he took a cup of wine.

Again he gave thanks and gave it to his friends, and said, "This is the new relationship with God!

Made possible because of my death.

Take this -- all of you -- to remember me."

Many: We receive Jesus again, today. We offer our lives, in word and deed,

All: O Risen Christ, dwell in our hearts through faith,

root us and ground us in love.

# CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Reflection K. Robertson

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Gratitude

# \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other

**BECK** 



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## \*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

# \*The Sending of the Community

# \*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

### \*POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

arr. L. Smith

# \*Please stand, as you are able.

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