

Tenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Sonatina for Recorder

G.P. Telemann

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#6 Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

***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

Lord, like a river in a time of drought,
our spiritual imagination has slowed to a trickle.
Once nourished by deep spiritual friendships,
cracks have formed in our willingness
to make time, to listen,
and to ask the important questions.
Our identities,
once shaped by word and table,
prayer and confession,
now influenced by loud mouths and un-wise guides.
We have lost our sense of what is possible
as kingdom people.
Our ways of thinking and perceiving
have become stale and lifeless.
Lord, have mercy on us.
By your Spirit,
re-animate our senses and replenish our vision.

(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 TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 34:4-9 Pages 560-561, 1st half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Sonata in C Major, Adagio

R. Valentine

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (based on Psalm 34:4-9)

One: God, in these days of growing instability and uncertainty,
Many: we cry out to you and name our fears.

One: In the midst of wars, famines, disease,
and failing democracies,

**Many: we are comforted by your solidarity with suffering,
and reminded of your mighty acts of deliverance.**

One: As our fears and worries grow. . .

Many: You become bigger and surround us.

One: Even in the midst of trouble. . .

**All: Our eyes remain fixed on your goodness;
we place our fragile trust in your hands.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#71 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#480 Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

CBM Update

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-19

Pages 132-133, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "The Great Reversal: Awakening Our Senses"

Dr. Terry Smith

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Sonata in a minor, Adagio

T. Albinoni

***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**

#569 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***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

Division on a Ground

Anonymous

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Jay Buhler;

Prayers of the People - Craig Traynor;

Guest Organist - Lori Klingbeil;

Recorder - Lori Klingbeil; Guitar - Alena Vyskocil