



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 17TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ARR. ZIPP

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see.

✠ HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

CELEBRATIONS OF SUMMER MISSIONS

OFFERTORY *Great and Awesome God* HAYES

✠ DOXOLOGY

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HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers* UMH 710

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of every generation, you have spoken through prophets, apostles, and saints. By your Spirit, speak to us now through your Word, so we may fix our eyes on Jesus and run the race set before us. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

SERMON *Beyond the Walls*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of all nations, we confess that we often run the race only within the walls we know. We forget the great cloud of witnesses who carried the gospel far beyond their own homes. We grow weary, lose courage, and take our eyes off Jesus.

Forgive us, and send us out with faith and perseverance.

Jesus endured the cross for the sake of the world.

In him, you are forgiven, equipped, and sent beyond the walls.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN

Forward Through the Ages

UMH 555

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

ARR. JOHNSON

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

11:00

STEPHEN MINISTER:

8:30

Jolene Schmitt

11:00

Shirley Ryals

PREACHER:

Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

LITURGIST:

Ann Pearson

USHERS:

Mark Woodrow

GREETER:

8:30

Emily Garner

MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Director, Tom Hood

Accompanist,

John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson

Hackett Robertson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
June and Rev. Floyd Enfinger, Sr. by Linda and Floyd Enfinger, Jr., and Robin King.

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THE GATHERING

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Preaching: Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist: Jennifer Myrick

Communion Servers:

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

Stephen Minister: Kathy Ellis

Greeters: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Searce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1. It is known as "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 100

SINGING OUR PRAISE

CELEBRATION OF SUMMER MISSIONS

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 82

SERMON

Which god is wisest?

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Wise and righteous God, we confess that we often place our trust in lesser powers, in success, control, comfort, and approval, while your wisdom calls us to justice, mercy, and humility. We protect what is ours and ignore the cries of the vulnerable. We admire strength and overlook compassion. Forgive us for following false gods. Open our eyes to your truth, that we may walk in your ways and reflect your goodness in the world.

*The God who judges the powers is also the God who rescues the weak.
In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to live by a wiser way.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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