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August 6, 2023 – 11:00 am  
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*



Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up.  
Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2017); the Presbyterian Mission Agency, "8 Habits of Evangelism," <https://8habits.org/>; and LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN #138:** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

REGINALD HEBER

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

The world belongs to God,  
***the earth and all its people.***

How good it is, how wonderful  
***to live together in unity.***

Love and faith come together;  
***justice and peace join hands.***

If Christ's disciples keep silent,  
***these stones would shout aloud.***

Open our lips, O God,  
***and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

"OPENING PRAYER," TOD BOLSINGER

O Lord, in your great commission, you send us into the world to "teach."

In these Scriptures, we are warned that teachers will be held accountable with more strictness than other servants.

Lord, we ask that you give us your Spirit to lead us in all truth and make us humble learners and trustworthy teachers.

As you walked the countryside of your homeland as a Rabbi, teaching the truth and ways of God's Kingdom, teach us your ways.

As Mary and her sister, Martha, welcomed your teaching into their home, let us sit at your feet and learn.

Help us be learners – disciples – first before we are disciple-makers.

*Enable us to fulfill your commission with humility of spirit, sobriety of mind and the accountability of the Church so that all who hear our words would come to know, believer, and be "trained in this way of life." Amen.*

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"We love to tell the story," Teri Peterson

We love to tell the story, O God. As we hear these ancient words again, give us the gift of new insight and clarity. Help us to hear your good news in ways we could never imagine, and to faithfully heed your call. **Amen.**

### ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

PEW BIBLE, 1214

**DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9**

PEW BIBLE, 225

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

#### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

#### \*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #250 (GLORY TO GOD)** *In the Bulb There is A Flower (Hymn of Promise)*

NATALIE SLEETH

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;

in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

## TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

FROM "WHAT STORY?" TERI PETERSON

Scripture reminds us not to think of ourselves more highly than we should, for we fool only ourselves and obscure the image of God. When we confess our sin, God's truth and life shines in us. Before God, with the people of God, let us tell the truth about ourselves. Let us pray.

God, you are a storyteller, and you made us in your image.  
You call us to share your story in our words and in our actions.  
***But more often our lips are sealed. We are afraid to tell your story.  
We think we don't know enough, and we are afraid of offending.  
We prefer to keep you to ourselves.***

*Silence*

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.  
***Forgive us for letting the book gather dust on the shelf, and the story gather dust in our hearts.***  
Speak to us, and through us, Lord.  
***Help us to know you so well that we cannot help but love you,  
and to love you so much we cannot help but serve you,  
sharing your good news in every place, for it is in doing your will  
that we find perfect freedom. Amen.***

## AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

I proclaim to you in the name of our storytelling God that:  
You are enough.  
You are forgiven.  
You are loved.  
***Alleluia! Thanks be to God!***

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *Spirit of the Living God*

DANIEL IVERSON

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### THE WORD IN MUSIC

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***"Habit 6 – Teaching"***

REV. PHILLIPS

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today by inviting everyone who wants to participate up front to receive the bread and cup (we use gluten free bread and grape juice). If you are more comfortable remaining seated but would like to participate, raise your hand and we will come to your seat to serve you. We believe that Jesus invites everyone forward to his table to "taste and see," and so we proclaim that all are welcome to participate.*

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

IONA ABBEY WORSHIP BOOK

## GREAT PRAYER OF 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 God our Maker  
***It is right to give our thanks and praise...***

...And as one with your people on earth,  
north and south, east and west,  
we join the praise,  
singing the song of your eternal greatness.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us,  
we will be faithful to Jesus.

He promised to be with those who met in his name:  
***this we believe.***

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people:  
***this we believe.***

He said in the communion of bread and wine  
he would be present to us as we remembered him:  
***this we celebrate.***

For great is the mystery of faith:  
***Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.***

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Give thanks for God's goodness:

*God's love shall last for ever.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #438:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

JOHN FAWCETT

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

**\*SENDING**

"CLOSING PRAYER," TOD BOLSINGER

Lord, help us to taste and see that you are God.  
Teach us how to help others taste your goodness.  
Instruct us in the Jesus way of life that we may also instruct others.  
Help us to so live, and so love others that we'll  
pass on a love for you and desire to teach others  
how to walk in this way of life. Amen.

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Shalom to You*

ELISE S. ESLINGER

Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

**POSTLUDE**

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*



# Our Faith Community @ Work

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **August 8<sup>th</sup> Alamance Co. Mobile Library**

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30.

Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share

### **August 13<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Lunch**

Our seventh and penultimate Habit of Evangelism is Fellowship. Please join us as we experience this together with our Fellowship Lunch, following worship. We will offer baked potato, a salad bar, and the opportunity to gather informally around the table as a community. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **August 27<sup>th</sup> Backpack and Teacher Sunday**

We are celebrating our teachers and learners on the 27<sup>th</sup> during worship with both a Blessing of the Backpacks and a Blessing of our Teachers. Please join us as we celebrate the upcoming school year and give thanks and bless all of our teachers and learners. **If you or a loved one is a teacher or student in the coming school year, please let Joy know by Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** and we will include their names in the bulletin. Likewise, we want to make sure we have enough backpack tags for all students who want them, so **please also let us know if you would like a backpack tag and invite your students to come and participate in worship!**

## This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost & Communion

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 –Choir Practice

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost & Fellowship Lunch

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)



### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. Jon Phillips

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