



## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026 10:30 a.m.



### Week Three: Creativity

#### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Meditation in A-Flat" Felix Alexandre Guilmant

*(\*) Indicates that all are invited to stand*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world is changing. We see it everywhere.

**All: The world is changing.**

One: The world needs to change. Children are hungry. Systems are unjust. People are afraid.

**All: The world needs to change.**

One: It is God's desire that the world would change into a realm of peace where everyone has what they need.

**All: And we are the changemakers.**

One: We are called to work alongside the Holy Spirit.

We are called to follow the way of Jesus.

**All: May we be changed by this time of worship!**

\*GATHERING HYMN “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #42 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-3  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God’s grace!**

**My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease  
Is music in the sinner’s ears, is life, and health, and peace!**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, you are always at work in the world, and you call us to be a part of what you are doing.

**But all too often, we don’t see the creative opportunities that you have for us. We think too narrowly about what we can give, what we can do. We struggle to trust that you are at work within us as well.**

Forgive us. Forgive us for when we fail to see others. Forgive us for when we fail to trust. Forgive us for when we fail to risk vulnerability. Forgive us, and change us again.

**Remake us as the people who cooperate with your Spirit. Remake us as the Body of Christ, that we would work for the healing of the world.** *(silent confession)*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear this assurance of Good News: God is making all things new!

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” v.4**

**Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given  
by all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Song: We can be a changemaker, change the world.

Make a better place for everyone! Changemaker!

Just one small change can make a difference every day  
make a difference every day!

## LISTENING

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:36-50

Pew Bible p.840

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

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### SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar" #201 *Glory to God Hymnal*



1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-  
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-  
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were  
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-



point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-  
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-  
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-  
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their



sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,  
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,  
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,  
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,



the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she  
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she  
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-  
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to



filled the room, pre-par-ing Christ for dy-ing.  
 preached the Word, a-pos-tle to a-pos-tles.  
 vid-ing walls, our shame and sad-ness mend-ing.  
 serve and lead. Re-joice, and make them wel-come!

## RESPONDING

*We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

### NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.**

OFFERTORY "Prelude in E Minor" George Oldroyd  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (tune from "Blessed Assurance")

**Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath. Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death. Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend. Three-in-One present, world without end.**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### INVITATION

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **We give God our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, you shaped this world and all that is in it. By your Holy Spirit, you breathed life into human form, and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we wandered from your ways and were lost in the wilderness, your truth burned in the hearts of prophets who called your people to return to you. In the fullness of time you sent your Son to be our deliverer. At Christ's baptism, your Spirit came with gentle wings, settling on him your blessing. In the wilderness of temptation, your Spirit stood by him with power. In his life and ministry, your Spirit led him to serve the poor, open eyes with faith's sight, and befriend the friendless. In all he did and said, Christ announced the coming of your saving might. By his death on the cross and rising from the tomb, he led the way to eternal life.

**Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!**

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit, may this bread of the earth and fruit of the vine be for us the body and blood of Christ. Nurture us at this table. Make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all your children united in ministry throughout the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks to you, O God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Amen. Come, Triune God!**

*SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Elements will be served by ushers, and you are invited to hold the elements until we commune together. Wine trays contain white grape juice and red wine. Wrapped gluten-free wafers are available on each bread tray.)*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*

**We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.**

**\*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "As We Gather at Your Table" #332** *New Century Hymnal*  
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**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of Life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Fugue in C Major" (*Jig Fugue*) Dietrich Buxtehude

### **SENDING**

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

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