

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 17, 2025

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Rev. Chris Michael

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Sanctuary”

John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Arr. Carol Tornquist

\*Call to Worship 

Carroll Laswell

One: The unconditional grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

One: Worship is a coming to our senses in the presence of the Holy One.

**All: Worship is catching our breath in the presence of Pure Beauty.**

One: Worship is an awareness that our frailty does not matter.

**All: Worship is realising that we are infinitely cherished.**

One: Worship is our whole being alive with love and gratitude.

**All: Worship is a pooling of our human love in a chorus of wonder and praise.**

\*Hymn #552  
"Standing on the Promises" (1,2,4)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

Carroll Laswell

First Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:16-19

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Carroll Laswell

Children’s Blessing

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder (located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Chris Michael

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HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music

Hymn #99

"O, How I Love Jesus"

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 6:1-11

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Chris Michael

Sermon

“Lord of the Sabbath”

Rev. Chris Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #621  
"Are Ye Able," Said the Master" (vs. 1 & 2)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

Sonate in C, Andante, K.545

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)  
\*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation.*

*You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion

Chris & Laura Michael

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Reflection on Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Lowell Mason

Arr. Heather Sorenson

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Rev. Chris Michael

\*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading- Colossians 2:16-19

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or<sup>[a]</sup> drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions,<sup>[b]</sup> puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

Second Reading- Luke 6:1-11

<sup>6</sup> One Sabbath<sup>[a]</sup> while Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> was going through some grain fields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. <sup>2</sup> But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful<sup>[c]</sup> on the Sabbath?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup> How he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?” <sup>5</sup> Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.” <sup>6</sup> On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find grounds to bring an accusation against him. <sup>8</sup> But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand in the middle.” He got up and stood there. <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” <sup>10</sup> After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup> But they were filled with fury and began discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.