



A Clean Heart, Jen Norton

# The Worship of God

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2021

We want you to know all are welcome  
here because we believe God's love holds no bounds.

Prelude

arr. Albin Whitworth

Cindy Fuller

"Close to Thee"

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

Milo Grant

\*Call to Worship

ONE: Out of a world where too many are left behind, we come together.

MANY: The world's ways are not Christ's ways.

ONE: Out of a world of hatred and violence, we gather as God's people.

MANY: God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for everyone.

ONE: Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits.

MANY: Have mercy on us because of your unfailing love.

ONE: Our God is merciful and gracious, and full of love.

MANY: Come, let us worship the triune God.

\*Gathering Hymn

“Gather Us In”



Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are va-nished a - way.  
We are the young,our lives are a mys - tery, we are the old, who yearn for your face.  
Here we re - ceive new life in the wa - ters, here we re - ceive the bread of new birth,  
Not just in buil dings,small and con - fin - ing, not in some hea - ven light years a - way,



See in this space our fears and our dream ings,brought here to you in the light of this day.  
We have been sung through-out all of his - tory called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
here in this place the new light is shin - ing, Now is God pre-sent, and now is the day.



Ga-ther us in, the lost and for - sa - ken, ga-ther us in, our spi - rits in - flame.  
Ga-ther us in, the rich and the haugh- ty, ga-ther us in, the proud and the strong,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the bread that is you,  
Ga-ther us in and hold us for - e - ver, ga-ther us in and make us your own,



Call to us now and we shall a - wa - ken, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.\_\_\_\_  
give us a heart so meek and so low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.\_\_\_\_  
nour-ish us well, andteach us to fa-shion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.\_\_\_\_  
ga-ther us in, all peo-ples to - ge - ther, fi - re of love in our flesh and our bone.\_\_\_\_

\*Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Sharlande Sledge

MANY: Create in us clean hearts  
and renew right spirits within us.  
Do not cast us from your presence.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive others.  
Let us show our love to others as you first loved us  
and help us not stray from your guiding light.  
Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

CJ Jackson

ONE: This is a reading from our ancient stories.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Jon Snyder

Children are invited to participate in Children's Time from their seats.

Pastoral Prayer

Sharlande Sledge

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Milo Grant

ONE: This is the word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"An Open-Hearted Confession"

Blessing Our Gifts      Barbara Hobbs

ONE: O God, we bring these offerings because You love us  
and You love the world. Receive these gifts as our attempt to remind ourselves that we  
are not You. We can offer Your hope for the world by sharing what we have.

MANY: Transform these gifts of money into food for the hungry, hope for the  
discouraged, and healing for those who suffer. Amen.

Offertory

"In Remembrance"

Buryl Red, arr. Joseph Joubert

Cindy Fuller

Communion

ONE: ... and so we proclaim the mystery of faith.

MANY: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

\*Sending Hymn

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD



Let us ta - lents and tongues em - ploy. Rea-ching out with a shout of joy:  
Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
tea - ching peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God, Im - ma - nuel, e - ve - ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound.

\*Pastoral Benediction

Milo Grant

\*Congregational Benediction

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

DENNIS (Nägeli)



Blest be\_ the tie\_ that binds our hearts in Christ-ian love; the



fel - low - ship\_ of kin - dred minds is like\_ to that\_ a - bove.

Postlude

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

arr. Albin Whitworth

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