

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"



*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 Reading2 Samuel 11:26-12:13aCJ JacksonONE: 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

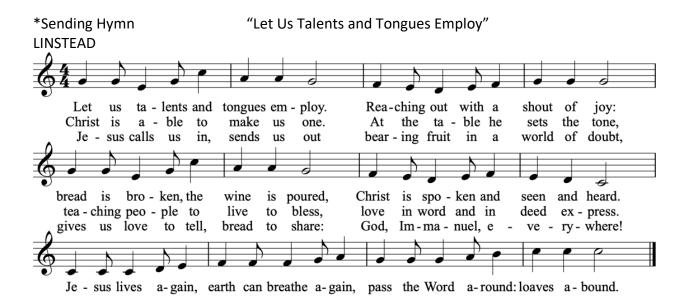
ONE: O God, we bring these offerings because You love us and You love the world. Receive these gifts as our attempt to remind ourselves that we are not You. We can offer Your hope for the world by sharing what we have. MANY: Transform these gifts of money into food for the hungry, hope for the discouraged, and healing for those who suffer. Amen.

Offertory

"In Remembrance"

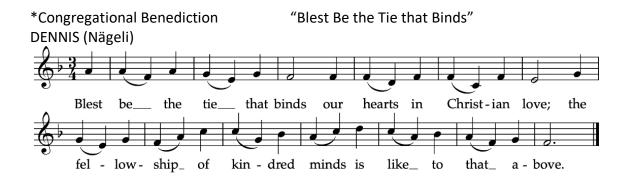
Buryl Red, arr. Joseph Joubert Cindy Fuller

Communion ONE: ... and so we proclaim the mystery of faith. MANY: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



*Pastoral Benediction

Milo Grant



Postlude arr. Albin Whitworth Cindy Fuller "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"



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