



# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "When Morning Guilds the Sky"

John Carter

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unit us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world— which some seek to control, and others view with despair— we declare with joy and trust:

**All: Our world belongs to God!**

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Liturgist: God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun!  
The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!

**All: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

*Our World Belongs to God – Preamble*

\* **All Singing: 540 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, and 3*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 21 "This is My Father's World"**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth: some, crushed by failure or broken by pain, give up on life and hope and God; others, shaken, but still hoping for human triumph, work feverishly to realize their dreams.

**All: As believers in God, we also struggle with the spirits of this age, resisting them in the power of the Spirit, testing them by God’s sure Word.**

Liturgist: Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose.

### *Silent Confession and Reflection*

Liturgist: God holds this world with fierce love. Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:

**All: Sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God — the first-fruits of a new creation.**

Liturgist: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. *Romans 8:18*

\* **All Singing: 825 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Liturgist: We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

**All: As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in the world.**

Liturgist: With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.**

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## Proclamation

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All Singing: 741 “Take, O Take Me as I Am”**

*Singing three times*

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Walking with a Limp

\* **All Singing: 157 “Meekness and Majesty”**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Bethshan Association

OFFERTORY “I Love You Lord”

Mark Hayes

\* **All Singing: 540 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**  
*Singing verse 4*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

Liturgist: Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

**All: The Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission in their neighborhoods and in the world:**

Liturgist: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.

**All: We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.**  
*Our World Belongs to God – Stanza 41*

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: 904 “Lord, Make Us Servants”**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, and 4*

Postlude: “We Are People on a Journey”

G. DeMey

### Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Tyler Hughes
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Mary Post
Violinist:	Frances Boerman-Cornell	Prayer:	Josie Boswell
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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