

SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

10:00AM

WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

Whoever we are and wherever we are, we are the Church together! Let's join our hearts in prayer.

We gather in your name, Creator of all worlds, Author of life and time. May your Spirit move in our midst and guide the worship we offer. In the name of the Living Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 62 (blue)** Creator God, Creating Still

1. Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed, create a new humanity to meet the present need.
2. Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace, pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.
3. Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day, empower us now to do your will, correct us when we stray.
4. Great Trinity, for this new day we need your presence still. Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 80:1-3 & 14-19

ALL AGES TOGETHER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thankful

Beth Spaulding, soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer of our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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Interlude

By Gracious Powers

David L. Almond
(b. 1943)

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning
and never fails to greet us each new day.

*From a poem by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)
translated by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Dedication of Offering**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

SERMON

A Great Run

Pastor Small

***HYMN 383 (red)** Forward Through the Ages

1. Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits At the call divine.
Gifts in differing measure, Hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, One the sure reward;
Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits At the call divine.
2. Wider grows the kingdom, Reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, Till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, Martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, Heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits, At the call divine.
3. Not alone we conquer, Not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph Lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose In one living whole,
Move we on together To the shining goal!
Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits, At the call divine.

*COMMISSION

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,
let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls us:

**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as
yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that
dwells therein.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

* *You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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of their parents and grandparents.

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