



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021

We gather for worship today, leaning into You, Divine Love!

Call us, whisper to us, move us, mature us, embrace us! Amen.

***Unison Confession**

When we choose to believe that Your Kingdom is no bigger than our bigotry;

When we reduce Your Presence to the ambience in our favourite meeting place;

When we see Your people as no one other than our people;

When we believe that we have the authority to distribute Your grace as we see fit;

When we use Your word to justify the way we withhold Your blessing from others;

When we enlist You as an enforcer of our particular ideology;

When in any way, O God, we make You in our image,

When we create our own Kingdoms and call them Yours,

We have failed You, and we have kept others away from You.

Forgive us, change us, and humble us, we pray.

Keep us always aware of how Your grace has rescued us, and keep us always aware of those who seek Your grace in us. In Jesus' Name.

Amen. (Silence is kept)

***Assurance of Pardon**

“Speaking the truth with love, let’s grow in every way into Christ, who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.”

Thanks be to God! We will each do our part, in love!

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

From the Hebrew Bible: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, **12** ¹ and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸ I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the

word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹ Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹² For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." ¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Anthem

"Only God"

(By Mary McDonald)

Only God can move a mountain; only God can calm the sea.

Only God can heal a wounded spirit; Only God, only God.

Only God can hear my heart's cry; only God, my sin atone.

Only God can give us calm assurance, only God, only God!

God Almighty, most Holy wise God; You are the power and the glory,

O God, our God!

Only God can be our refuge; only God can be our strength.

Only God will stand as our Defender, only God, only God!

God is the power; only God in majesty!

Only God will reign as King forever, only God, Only God!

Scripture Lesson From the New Testament Letters: Ephesians 4:1-16

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness,

with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended^[a] into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

As we have been fed, so we are sent to feed others. Whatever their need, we know the Source of food to nourish them. God supplies the resources we have to give. Let us participate in God's redeeming activity through the offerings of self and substance.

Offertory *"At This Table Make Us One"* (John Purifoy)

*As we gather in this place, at the table of Your grace,
Father hear us when we call, Send Your Spirit over all
At this table, make us one, in the name of Christ, Your Son.
Come examine us within, and forgive us of all sin.
Be among us as we dine. Break the bread and pour the wine.
We recall Your gift of grace 'til we see You face to face,
When Your kingdom comes anew, and we share the feast with You.
Yours the glory and the praise, now forever, and always.
At this table, make us one, in the name of Christ, Your Son.*

Scripture Lesson

From the Gospels: John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell

you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Sermon

"A Healthy Serving of (the Real) You"

Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Gathering at the Lord's Table: Holy Communion

***The Invitation**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

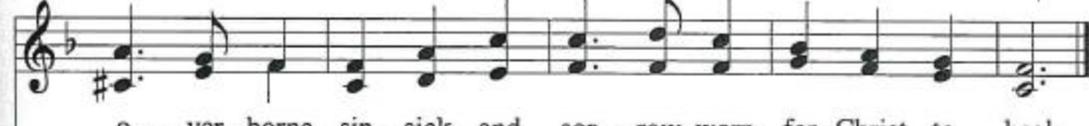
Christ for the World! We Sing 561



1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
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 4 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
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 with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song— the new-born souls whose days, re-claimed from



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