



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 14, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness “ (John Innes)
(Dobin Park and Michael Sullivan)*

Tower Bell

Call to Worship (responsive)

The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.

The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.

We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.

***Call to Confession**

Trusting in God’s hopes for us, let us come before God with contrite hearts, asking for reconciliation and seeking peace.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care ... our doubt of your providence ... our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from You and from others and foster divisions between those You love. Help us to amend our lives and make us Your faithful people who bear the good fruit of Your Word in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire to amend our lives. God lifts us from our despondency to rejoice in the company of the saints. God acknowledges the forces that separate us, and brings us to peace. Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation and a life lived in the presence of God.

***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: Luke 12:47-56

⁴⁷ That slave who knew what his master wanted but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Gathering Together in Prayer

Prayer Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ, we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

Offertory

“A Jubilant Song” (Allen Pote)

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.

Rejoice and sing, and let the earth be glad,

Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, Alleluia!

Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Shout His marvelous works among the people,

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,

From age to age You are God, and we pray for the coming of Your kingdom.

We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world

was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon Who Is in Your "Cloud of Witnesses"? Pastor John Robson

Hymn #499

"He Leadeth Me"
(see last page)

***Charge and Benediction**

May the God of creation and restoration give you confidence in the daily tasks set before you. The God of love and compassion, assure you of your heritage as a child of God. The God of guidance and inspiration, mold you in God's image. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you and remain with you always.

Postlude

"Hornpipe in D"

(John Dixon)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: John Robson

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Thanks to all the musicians and to Michael Sullivan and Dobin Park for assisting with filming and to Dobin Park for film editing.

He Leadeth Me

1 He lead - eth me, O bless - ed thought! O words with heav - en - ly
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
 3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the

com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still
 nor re - pine; con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since
 vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since

Refrain

'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 'tis my God who lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he
 God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his

faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.