



# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## August 9, 2020

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Gathering

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. **Amen.**

### Words of Forgiveness

Beloved of God...by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Your sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts...through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

How Beautiful #63 Binder

How beautiful the hands that served, The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked, The long dusty roads, And the hill to the cross. How beautiful, how beautiful, How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, That took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes, That choose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful, how beautiful. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life, We offer this sacrifice, That we will live just as He died: Willing to pay the price, Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride, Who waits for her groom, With His light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts give, The fruit of pure lives so that others may live. How beautiful, how beautiful, How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring, The sound of good news and the love of the King.  
How beautiful the hands that serve, The wine and the bread and the sons of the  
earth. How beautiful, how beautiful, How beautiful is the body of Christ.

### **GREETING (ELW p. 184)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **KYRIE (ELW p. 184)**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

A reading from Psalm 145; please read responsively.

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. <sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Word

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

*Our first reading brings us to Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

A reading from 1 Kings.

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”  
<sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”  
<sup>11</sup>[God] said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;<sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.<sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”<sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.<sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.<sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of

Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

*In our second reading, tells us right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God’s saving actions.*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>4</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come."

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

<sup>3</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### SONG OF THE DAY

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) #148 ULW

You call me out upon the waters, The great unknown where feet may fail. And there I find You in the myst'ry, In oceans deep, my faith will stand.

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sov'reign hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now.

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace For I am Yours and You are mine.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, Let me walk upon the waters  
Where ever You would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Savior *(Repeat 2 X)*

I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise,  
my soul will rest in Your embrace I am Yours and You are mine.

### **APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 189)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

#### Sending

### **BLESSING**

Go now, proclaiming to all how much Jesus has done for you. Be as one with each other in Christ. Wait for the Lord, and be ready to hear God's voice, even in the sounds of sheer silence.

And may God be your fortress; May Christ Jesus release you from all that torments you; And may the Holy Spirit give you light and truth to sustain you day and night.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

My Life Flows on in Endless Song - ELW #763

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet,  
though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

### *Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ  
is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo  
in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though  
the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things  
are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

## DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

# Ministry & Mission Information

## Large Print Bulletins

If you struggle reading this, the words on the screen, your pew hymnal or pew Bible, we have large print bulletins available which include the full service order of today's worship.

Hearing assistance in-ear speakers are available from our ushers.

## August All-Synod Worship

As part of our virtual Synod Assembly, all churches in our synod are invited to take part in all-synod online worship, next Sunday, August 16. **We will not have in-person worship at ULC next Sunday.**

## Online Worship Needs

We're excited to share **we will be purchasing digital equipment and a camera** to improve access and quality for those worshipping from home. Initial funding will come from the church's dedicated music fund; two additional gifts have already been given toward this project, **more gifts are welcome** (please write "camera fund" in the memo).

## Outdoor Concert Tonight at PRBC

Come to PRBC for free-will concert 7pm tonight, with The Wood Picks, a unique blend of gospel, bluegrass, country and American music. Bring your own lawn chair. Concerts will also be streamed on Park River Bible Camp's Facebook page.

## In-Person Worship & Covid-19

We thank Mike and Connie for continuing and increasing cleaning and sanitation at the church. For the time being:

- pews are taped off for social distancing;
- we will refrain from handshakes and passing offering plates;
- we will not have congregational singing (**except when worshipping outdoors**), food or beverage at church;
- worship attendees will be encouraged but not required to wear face masks;
- the congregation will be ushered out following worship services;
- we will continue offering online worship opportunities on Facebook & YouTube.

(Some of this is more for indoor services!)

### **Prayer Concerns**

Kerlange Aristide in Haiti, her husband Armstrong and baby Zeke, & Lois Jones (Val Olson's sister, cancer).

### **Masks**

Thank you to Ashton Hedger, Sara Goodman and one other who donated disposable masks that have been left at the church.

### **Marriage**

Congratulations to Kayce Larson & Cody Schlittenhard on their wedding yesterday here at United.

### **Last Sunday, August 2**

Not including those who tuned in online, 72 disciples were sent out from our in-person worship in God's name to make a difference and \$4,295 was given to support our ministry. Gifts given online through tithe.ly are included in the last Sunday of the month total.

### **School Supplies**

Deborah Circle is collecting school supplies and anyone can contribute. Items can be placed in the orange basket in the narthex. These supplies will be donated to the local schools.

### **Faith and Education**

We are making fall plans for both Sunday school and confirmation to resume this fall, with in-person or online formats. Much more will be known by our September newsletter, so please stay tuned for that and other updates between now and then!

### **Visitation**

Last winter United Lutheran formed a loosely-organized visitation group. The purpose was to remember shut-ins with visits, phone calls or notes. Thank you for continuing this important ministry!

### **Pillow Cleaning**

St. Alphonsus Altar Society invites everyone to Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service, Thursday, August 20, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Parish Center.

## Am I Called?

A discernment conversation by Zoom for high school students, Wednesdays at 11am. Session one, “Vocation—Am I Called?” (July 29). Session two, “Public Ministry in the ELCA—Pastors, Deacons, and More” (Aug.5). Session three, “How do I get there? College, Seminary and Other Things You Need to Know” (Aug.12).

There is no charge and students can attend one or more of the events on Zoom; register in advance at [swmnsynod.formstack.com/forms/discernment](https://swmnsynod.formstack.com/forms/discernment).

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### Today’s Faith and Care Leaders

Reader: Becky Tollefson  
Ushers: Duane Olson & Edwin Olson  
Projectionist: Danny Hart  
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler

**Online All-Synod Worship  
with Synod Assembly**  
Will include a sermon from  
ELCA Presiding Bishop  
Elizabeth Eaton  
On our church Facebook page.  
**We will not have in-person  
worship at ULC.**

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### The Week Ahead at ULC

Today: 2:30PM Worship at OCLC  
Next Sunday: Virtual Synod Assembly  
Worship Service



**Welcome to United!** We are glad you're here and we pray today's worship would be a blessing to you. Children are welcome here; we have a "quiet space" just in our fellowship area just out our sanctuary's south doors and a nursery with a speaker available to listen to the worship service. If you are looking for a church home or would like more information, please let Pastor Karl know.

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the Eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Name(s)		
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- I/we received communion today (please indicate at least annually)
- I contributed my offering with Bill Pay through my bank
- Prayers requested/answered:
- I would like a Pastor to call regarding:

Today, I am a

- Member
- First Time Visitor
- Second Time Visitor
- Regular Visitor

Please send me information about membership in United Lutheran Church

I am a member of another church. Where?

What brought you to United today?