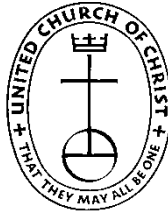


August 13, 2017 – 10:00 am  
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "He Leadeth Me" William B. Bradbury

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: **Psalm 105:1-6, 42-43**

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make his deeds known to all people!

**Many: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord;  
Dwell on all his wondrous works!**

One: Give praise to God's holy name!  
Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!

**Many: Pursue the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always!**

One: Remember the wondrous works he has done,  
all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared -

**Many: You who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

One: Because God remembered his holy promise  
to Abraham his servant.

**ALL: God brought his people out with rejoicing,  
His chosen ones with songs of joy.  
Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: **#522 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**We seek your presence, holy God. Break through all our pretenses that we might sense the vibrant energy embracing the whole universe yet know ourselves to be personally loved within the vast expanse of space and time. How amazing are all the miracles of life that surround us! In this hour, we pray that our faith may be enlivened, our trust deepened, our commitment expanded to meet the challenges of our times. And we will give you all the glory. Amen**

\*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Lay Liturgist (Page 45-46 in the Pew Bible)

EPISTLE READING: Romans 10:5-15  
Lay Liturgist (Pages 1379-1380 in the Pew Bible)

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33  
Pastor Rosemary (Pages 1190 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON: **“Are we gazing at God and only glancing at  
danger, or is it the other way around?”**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #505 **“Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

PASTORAL PRAYER beginning with silent personal prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 debts as  
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH #769**  
**Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us you peace.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “Where He Leads Me” David Paxton

\*DOXOLOGY: # 780  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-laborers tomorrow also be blessed as ministry. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #18 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”**

**DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #812 Three-fold Amen  
Amen, Amen, Amen**

**POSTLUDE: “Exaltation” Robert J. Hughes**

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**PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer this family.***

*And prayers for healing:*

***Serving in Christ’s Name:***

**Ministers – All members of St. John UCC**

***Participants in Today’s Worship:***

**Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain**

**Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic**

**Liturgist - Sue Williams**

**Ushers – Melinda Stidham and Sue Williams**