



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Beginnings

Clark

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Carolyn Nash

Praise God in his sanctuary;

Praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

Praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with timbrel and dancing,

Praise him with the strings and pipe,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

Praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Carolyn Nash

Come, Holy Spirit.
Hear our prayers and songs of praise.
We join voices from ancient times,
that placed their trust you
in days of joy or pain.
Inspire us in this hour,
that we may never surrender to despair.
Renew in us enduring faith,
even as we join eternally in song. Amen.

Hymn

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Carolyn Nash

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace. Share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

This We Pray

Sandy Bruner

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

Scripture Reading

II John 1:1-13

¹The elder,

To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth— ²because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:

³Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

⁴It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. ⁵And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. ⁶And this is love: that we

walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

⁷ I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what we ^[a] have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. ⁹ Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. ¹¹ Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

¹² I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

¹³ The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Let There be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Sermon

What Comes in Threes?

Pastor Larry

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

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. Amen.

Carolyn Nash

God is the giver of all good things,
the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts
that together make the Body of Christ whole.
In gratitude for all we have received,
we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money
and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation
to join in God’s Kingdom building work here on earth.

Offertory *You Are My All in All*

Jernigan

**Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Carolyn Nash

**Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.
Yet how good it is to see living acts of faith
in Christ's church and its people.
Bless, O Lord, the offerings we give,
that others may know your love,
and come to trust your provision and peace.
Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction**

Shalom to You

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Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.

May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

Postlude Chorale

Bach

AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*

*2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.*

*3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.*

*5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.*

*6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.*

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

*Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.*

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

*I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.*

Refrain:

***How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
is my Savior's love for me!***

*2. For me it was in the garden
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.*

(Refrain)

*3. In pity angels beheld him,
and came from the world of light
to comfort him in the sorrows
he bore for my soul that night.*

(Refrain)

*4. He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.*

(Refrain)

*5. When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages
to sing of his love for me.*

(Refrain)