



# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Le P'ing (Golden Breaks the Dawn)"

traditional Chinese tune  
arr. by M. Hassell

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, and others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust:

**All: Our world belongs to God!**

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Liturgist: God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun!  
The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!

**All: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

*Our World Belongs to God – Preamble*

\* **All Singing: 219 "Jesus Shall Reign"**  
*Singing verses 1 – 4*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 496 "Come, All You People"**  
*Singing first in Shona, then verses 1, 2, and 3*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth: some, crushed by failure or broken by pain, give up on life and hope and God; others, shaken, but still hoping for human triumph, work feverishly to realize their dreams.

**All:** **As believers in God, we also struggle with the spirits of this age, resisting them in the power of the Spirit, testing them by God's sure Word.**

Liturgist: Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose.

### *Silent Reflection and Confession*

Liturgist: God holds this world with fierce love. Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:

**All:** **Sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God — the first-fruits of a new creation.**

Liturgist: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. *Romans 8:18*

\* **All Singing:** **825 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

Liturgist: We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

**All:** **As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.**

Liturgist: With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.

**All:** **Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.**

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## Proclamation

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All Singing:** **460 "Our Eyes are Turned"**

*Singing through three times*

Scripture: Job 38:1-7

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: What Does it Mean to Be Reformed? Sovereignty

\* **All Singing:** **775 "Across the Lands"**

## Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

### OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Self Help Jobs

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision”

arr. David Lasky

\* **All Singing: 219 “Jesus Shall Reign”**  
*Singing verse 5*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

### A WORD OF BLESSING

\* **All Singing: 946 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**  
*Singing verses 1 and 3*

Postlude: “Sanctus”

arr. Jan Sanborn

### Worship Leaders

Organist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Casey Kostelyk
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg	Liturgist:	Kim Ottenhoff
Violinist / Vocalist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker	Prayer:	Dave Jousma
Vocalist:	David Baar		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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