

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## 9:30 & 11:00 BULLETIN

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### OPENING SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5: 1-7

9:30 Chris Berry 11:00 Richard Riley

#### The Song of the Vineyard

**5** I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

**2** He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

**3** "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. **4** What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? **5** Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. **6** I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

**7** The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress

#### HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"

Hymnal 529 V1-3

1. "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

WELCOME

Pastor Scott Clawson

**HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"**

**Hymnal 529 V 4-5**

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**PRAYER OF LAMENT**

**9:30 Chris Berry 11:00 Richard Riley**

God-Who-Listens,

We approach you today with a lot of questions. Bad things happen far too often, and we can't understand why. God, why does it feel like more and more people face death, unemployment, injustice, and sickness every day? Why do tragedies occur, leaving us at a loss for words? Families are torn apart, becoming foes to those who were friends. Humanity is facing more global distress than we can navigate. Our news feeds are overwhelmed with articles about natural disasters, fires, war, mental illness, racial violence, disparity in gender and sexuality; and the list goes on . . . and on . . . and on. Why do these things happen, God? We try to do the right thing, yet bad things still happen. We try to nurture the seeds you have planted, hoping for an abundant harvest. Yet, the harvest seems bleak.

There are no easy answers to these questions. All we know is that we are called to continue the work, so that what is rotten may become fertilizer for something new. God, remind us that you are with us in all things. You are a God of seasons, of beginnings and endings. Despite the changes all around us, you are steadfast. Thank you, God, for letting us lift these concerns to you. Thank you for holding space for us to share our grievances. Even though tragedy continues, we are grateful for the peace we know in your presence.

Amen.

**11:00 Initiation of New Members and Confirmand**

**Hymnal 33**

**INTRODUCTION**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's Mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

## **INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Dennis and Phyliss Wallace introduced by Dave and Sherry Bowman**

**Carol Ann Rowe introduced by Susan Stevens**

**Jane Garner introduced by Susan Stevens**

**Laura Wright introduced by Pastor Scott**

## **INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION**

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and confirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

**Ross Padilla introduced by Pastor Scott**

## **COMMITMENT QUESTIONS**

These historic questions are asked to those confirmands and adults who seek to become baptized members of the church.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world,

and repent of your sin?

If you do say I do.

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and

oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

If you do say I do.

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior; put your whole trust in his grace, and promise

to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of

all ages, nations, and races? If you do say I do.

**I do.**

Will you, according to the grace given to you, remain faithful members of Christ's holy

Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

If you will say I will.

**I will**

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,

and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? If you will say I will:

**I will.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your

prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? If you will say I will:

**I will.**

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT Pastor Scott**

As the community of faith, we also make a commitment today to surround these persons and this youth in a community of grace so that with God's leadership and our help, they can continue to grow in faith and service.

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now

before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the**

**example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and**

**forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in**

**their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples**

**who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Our affirmation of faith binds us together as believers and proclaims to the world what we

believe to be true. Let us affirm our faith together:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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,**

**died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will**

**come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.**

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will**

As a member of this congregation will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

**I will**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in you power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Remember your baptism and be thankful

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Hymnal 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

### Gospel Lesson Luke 12: 49-59

9:30 Chris Berry 11:00 Richard Riley

#### Not Peace but Division

**12** <sup>49</sup> "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

## Interpreting the Times

<sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. <sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. <sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

<sup>57</sup> "Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? <sup>58</sup> As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. <sup>59</sup> I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon "Breaking Eggs" Pastor Scott Clawson



### Closing Hymn

### "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymnal 577

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us,  
free our hearts to work and praise.



Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**BENEDICTION Pastor Scott Clawson**

**Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**Hymnal 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen