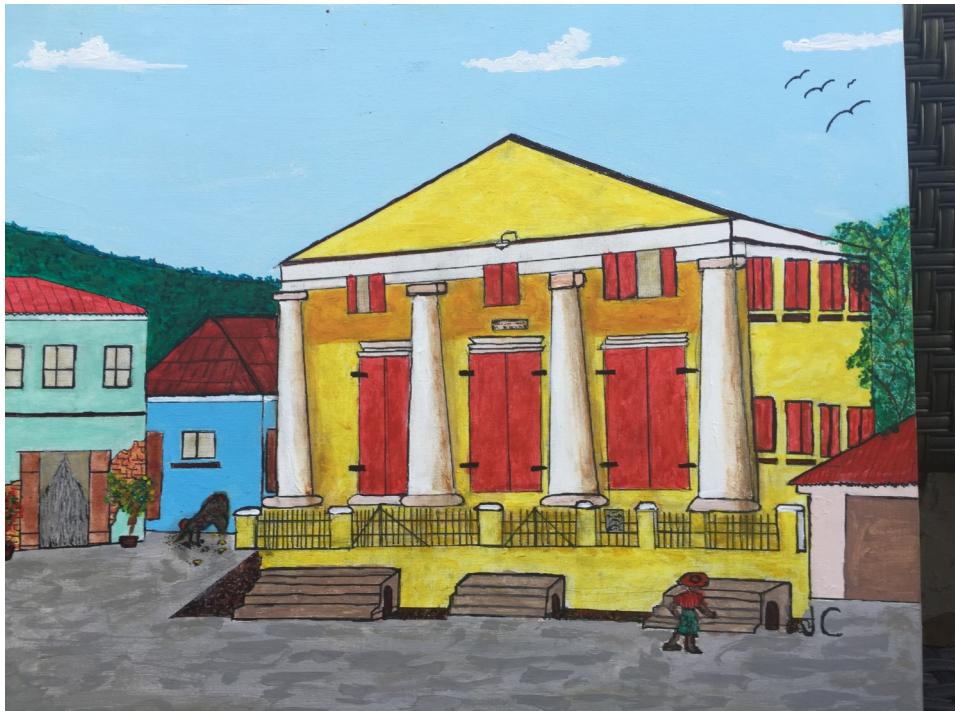


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# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green representing the growth of the church!

## “We Gather In God’s Presence...”

### Greeting and Ministry Updates

Introit

“He Hideth My Soul”

Crosby/Kirkpatrick

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord

A wonderful Savior to me

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock

Where rivers of pleasure I see

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord

He taketh my burden away

He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved

He giveth me strength as my day

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock

That shadows a dry, thirsty land

He hideth my life in the depths of His love

And covers me there with His hand

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns

And filled with His fullness divine

I sing in my rapture, O glory to God

For such a Redeemer as mine

### Call to Worship\*

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

**Amen!**

Love is patient and kind,

**Love is not jealous, arrogant or rude.**

Love does not insist on its own way,  
**Love does not celebrate wrong, but rejoices in  
the truth.**

Love bears all things, believes all things,  
**Love hopes all things, and endures all things,  
and never ends.**

Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the  
greatest of these is love.

**Let us worship our God of love, of hope, and of faith.**

## Prayer

### Hymn

### 'Leaning On the Everlasting Arms'

Hoffman/Showalter

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**What a blessedness, what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

#### *Refrain:*

**Leaning, leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**O how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms (*Refrain*)**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms**

**I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms (*Refrain*)**

## **Call to Confession**

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we come before You acknowledging that we have acted poorly in times of faith and doubt. We have ignored our neighbors in need and forgotten the cries of the poor and hungry around us. We have cried out in anger to You when we are lacking our desires, and claim You have not heard us. Forgive us for our shortcomings. Forgive us for not acting in faithfulness to our neighbors and to You. Turn us back to Your ways. In the name of Christ, who went to the cross for us, we pray all things...

### **Response**

#### **'The Miracle of Faith'**

*Carmichael/Sibelius*

If, without faith, I lose my way in darkness  
And without faith, my hopes and dreams would fail  
Then give me faith to flood my way with brightness  
And give me faith to see my hopes prevail

Almighty God, the source of my salvation  
Impart to me Your miracle of faith

Let faith remain a bulwark for all seasons  
Let faith be always equal to the hour  
Be not concerned with earthly doubts or reasons  
Fly on the wings of faith's eternal power

### **Words of Assurance and Hope**

#### **Song**

#### **'Not Afraid'**

*Lopez*

Through the rain, through the clouds  
Through the tests and the trials You hold me  
In the highs, in the lows, in the midst of the storms  
Your hands won't let go; You won't let go

**Refrain:**  
I will not be afraid  
For I know who  
Holds my tomorrows  
And I will not be afraid  
For I know You'll make a way  
You'll make a way

My rock, my shield  
My help, my strength  
My God will make a way (*Refrain*)

**...To Hear God's Word...**

**Scripture Reading**      **Genesis 37:1 - 28**

**Message**      **"God's Favorite Child!"**  
(*Genesis Sermon Series 6 of 7*)

**...And Respond with Gratitude**

**Offering**      [STRCGIVING.ORG](http://STRCGIVING.ORG)

**Offertory**      **"I Believe"**      August

I don't need a rainbow to know Who made the rain  
Don't need the waters parted to know Who made the way  
And I don't need a healing to know Who is the cure,  
Of this I'm sure

I believe that there is something more than I can see  
I believe that there is someone holding onto me  
Sometimes I won't feel it, but that don't change a thing  
'Cause it's by faith that I believe

If you had some heartache that made you cry  
    thousand tears

Then let me tell you now, I know just how you feel  
And that heavy weight of sorrow that you've carried  
    for so long will soon be gone

You might see a miracle and give praises to the Lord  
Don't let a touch from heaven be the thing you're waiting for  
Blessed are those who don't see but still believe  
    Do you believe?

I believe that there is something more than I can see  
I believe that the arms of Jesus are holding onto me  
Sometimes I won't feel it, but that don't change a thing  
'Cause it's by faith that I believe

### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

'I Waited Patiently for God'

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I waited patiently for God  
For God to hear my prayer  
And God bent down to where I sank  
And listened to me there

God raised me from a miry pit  
From mud and sinking sand  
And set my feet upon the Rock  
Where I can firmly stand

And on my lips a song was put  
A new song to the Lord  
Many will marvel open-eyed  
And put their trust in God

**Great wonders You have done, O Lord  
All purposed for our good  
Unable every one to name  
I bow in gratitude**

## **Benediction**

### **Choral Response “Prayer of Dedication”**

*Besig/Price/Tomer*

Go with us, Lord, as now we depart  
Calming the fears that trouble each heart  
Keep us all in your grace  
Until we come, again, to this place  
God be with you till we meet again  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you  
With a shepherd’s care enfold you  
God be with you till we meet again

*\*\*Liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.”*

## **GIVING THANKS:**

### **Leading Worship Today:**

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer
Virtual Choir:	Lori Abbotts, Joy Aird, Geoffrey Barnard, Will Howe, Colleen Imbriale, Andrea Lee, Steve Mange, Fred Northup, Julie Northup, Jeff Smith, Judy Spurrell, Bonnie Troutman, Penny Woods
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton

**WELCOME ... and thank you for  
joining in worship this morning!**

**The Ladies Bible Study** is continuing to meet this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm using Zoom. We will be studying the lectionary series posted in the bulletin. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

**The Men's Ministry Bible Study** also meets on Wednesdays using Zoom. They start at 6:30 pm. Please call or email Forrest Broom for more information 340-474-0472 or [forrestbroom@gmail.com](mailto:forrestbroom@gmail.com).

### **Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:**

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8;  
Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;  
Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

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