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11:00 AM—August 14, 2022—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Traditional Worship Service

Setting Ten—Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

PRELUDE

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

HYMN 812

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

GREETING

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be exalted thus!” “Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “for he was slain for us!” Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow’r divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter

against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens.⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN 757

All My Hope on God Is Founded

Michael

CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

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The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art
Maximillian Witherell, soloist

arr. Dan Forrest

HYMN 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Richard Hillert

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Hymn 814

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Hymn 814

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN 580

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Irish Blessing* **Jerome Williams and Don Gray**
Mary Davis, Max Witherell, Kevin Davis, Richie Moye

BLESSING **ELW p. 209**
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 805 *Lead On, O King Eternal!* **LANCASHIRE**

DISMISSAL **ELW p. 209**
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Toccata* **Dietrich Buxtehude**

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers & Bulletin Covers. Today's Altar Flowers & Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Betty Wise in loving memory of Robert "Bob" Wise on their wedding anniversary today.

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Chris Elledge, Stephanie Gamble, Charles Hall, Christian Hall, Porcia Metz, Court Morris, Christian Vallejo.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Melvin Manus, Paul Jacobs, Ronnie Hutto, DeeDee Fogle, David Derrick, Linda Price.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Barbara Stilwell, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Kristy Ann Taylor, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Eddie DeLoache, Kim Hammons, Zander Yarnall, Steve Collum, Allisa Smith, John Bundrick, Lori Gladiness.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Sylvia Marchant, Nancy Butler, Carroll Hutchinson, Mary Sox, Boyd Steele.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte	Abby Grace Roof
Crucifer	Jack Fisher
Lector	Pam Burnett
Greeter	Pam Burnett
Ushers	Ricky Glass, Fred Vallejo, Adam Davis
Communion Assistant	Pam Burnett

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation
Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music