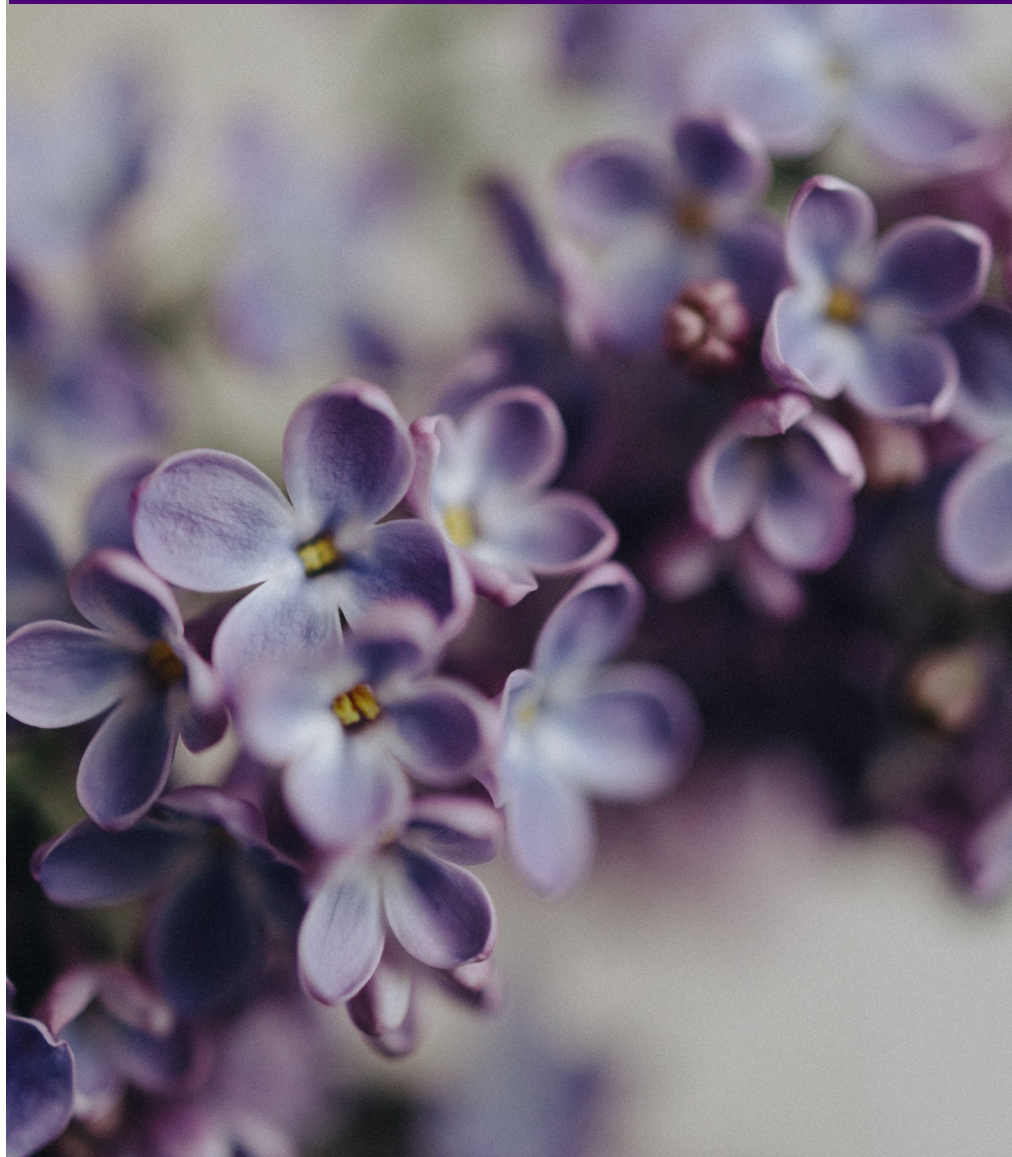


August 6, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		Kathleen Meredith
Doers of Justice,		
Come and be encouraged.		
Lovers of kindness,		
Be still and let God renew your hearts.		
Humble God-walkers,		
Rest and refreshment await.		
Come and lift your voice in praise to the One who encourages,		
renews, and refreshes.		
*OPENING HYMN	“Amazing Grace”	UMH 378 v. 1-4
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
God of us all, we give thanks that you are ever present with us. In times of joy and in times of difficulty, your Spirit leads us, guides us, and shows us the way. For this we are filled with gratitude. We humbly ask that you open our eyes to see the places in our world where your people are hurting and in need. Give us such courage as to speak out on their behalf that we might use our position, voice, and skillset to bring about your justice. Raise us up to be your faithful leaders in such a time as this. We pray all of this in the powerful name of Christ. Amen.		
ANTHEM	“How Great Thou Art”	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

Esther 3:13; 4:13-17

3¹³ Dispatches were sent by swift messengers into all the provinces of the empire, giving the order that all Jews—young and old, including women and children—must be killed, slaughtered, and annihilated on a single day. This was scheduled to happen on March 7 of the next year. The property of the Jews would be given to those who killed them.

4¹³ Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. ¹⁴ If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.” ¹⁷ So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON

Heroes of the Faith: Esther

Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

OFFERING

Christie Spriggs

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

God of justice and compassion, we may not audibly hear the cries of your most vulnerable children, but we know you hear them. We may not see the pains of your children most in need, but we know you see them. Multiply these gifts that they might turn into ministry opportunities to lift up the lowly, to empower the oppressed, and to share your light and love around the world. Lord, bless the giver and the gift that they might glorify you always. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

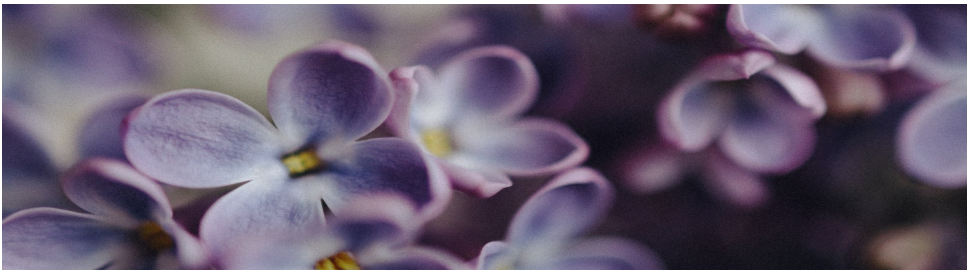
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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs



This Week's Schedule

Monday, Aug 7	10 Chair Yoga (HH)
Tuesday, Aug 8	10-3 Life With Joy (HH)
Wednesday, Aug 9	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, Aug 10	10-3 Life With Joy (HH)
Saturday, Aug 12	9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Aug 13	9 Joy Fellowship (HH) 10:30 Sanctuary Service

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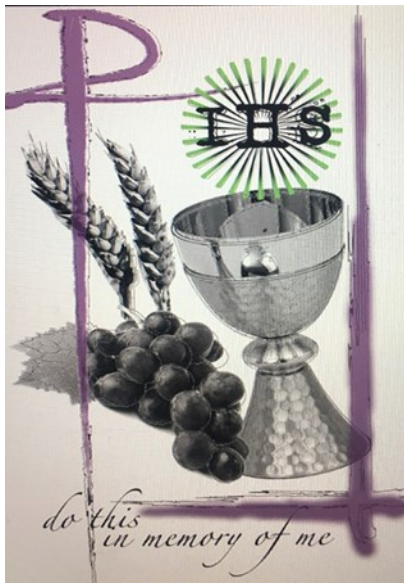
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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Music Leader
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd R. Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Christie Spriggs
Evelyn Cornwell
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison



Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

