



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know
Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

10th Sunday after Pentecost
July 28th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT #388 “Come All You People”

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145:10-18

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.**

14 The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

16 You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**17 The LORD is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.**

18 The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

OPENING PRAYER

In you, eternal Father, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we find the beginning and end of all things. In him we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings.

Let then, O God, the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into our lives this day, so that this act of worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Amen.

HYMN PH #611 BH #464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION: Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

DECLARATION OF PARDON—Psalm 32:3-5, NRSV

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men

42 A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” **43** But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD: They shall eat and have some left.” **44** He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

ANTHEM

Oh Magnify the Lord

Nancy Casteel, soprano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 1:8-11

8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. **9** And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight **10** to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, **11** having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

SERMON

Growing for Glory

Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Where do you think the Holy Spirit is growing you in this moment?
What is keeping you from growing further?

HYMN PH #614 “Great are You, Lord” (twice through)

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Into your hands, O God, we commend all of our giving today. Be faithful in the use of these gifts and teach us to more faithfully give as we trust in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

Will the Ushers Please come forward.

OFFERTORY

“I Will Listen”

Donna Anderson, Alto

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**LORD’S PRAYER**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TABLETALK WITH GOD’S CHILDREN

HYMN PH #634 BH #485 “To God be the Glory”

CHARGE 1 Cor. 16:13, 14

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

BENEDICTION PH #540 BH #537 “Farewell, Good Friends!/ Shalom, Chaerim! (sing twice)

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!...and also with you!