

**Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology

UMH 94

\*Hymn

*The Summons*

FWS 2130

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

\*Benediction

Janet Nicholls

\*Alleluia

UMH 78

Postlude

*How Firm a Foundation*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor  
of Allen Wood's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by Mary Lu Wood.

*\*Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Senior Pastor: Burke Owens

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Director of Music: Mark Shaull

Organist: Diane Keller

Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



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*Tenth Sunday  
After Pentecost*

**SUNDAY AUGUST 17 2025**

**10:45 AM SERVICE**



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## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2025

Prelude *From All That Dwells Below the Skies* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Welcome Janet Nicholls

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Emily King

\*Call to Worship Emily King

Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

**We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.**

For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.**

Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Children's Moment

Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Go Forth Into the World in Peace* Paul Sjolund  
Alan Cooper, violin

\*Scripture Luke 12:49-56 Gladys Kalas

Message *"What are we going to do about it?"* Janet Nicholls

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Janet Nicholls

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, for these gifts,  
**we give you thanks!**

\*Lord's Prayer Janet Nicholls

**Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn *What Does the Lord Require?* UMH 441

1. What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

2. Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,  
think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

4. How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer

**Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. (cont)**