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Lectionary 10



Introduction to Worship

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world

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Prelude: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

GREETING

Gathering Song: ELW 556

Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C: a people holy to the LORD our God.

P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE SONG



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☒ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All



na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,



for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Hosea 5:15--6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

L: A reading from the book of Hosea.

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}"Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

L: ⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

C: ⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.

L: ⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

C: ¹⁰for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

L: ¹¹I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

C: ¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

L: ¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

C: ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

L: ¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

A reading from Romans:

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.



Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



☒ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

The Gospel – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and

saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you. O Christ.**

Sermon (please be seated)



There Is a Balm in Gilead

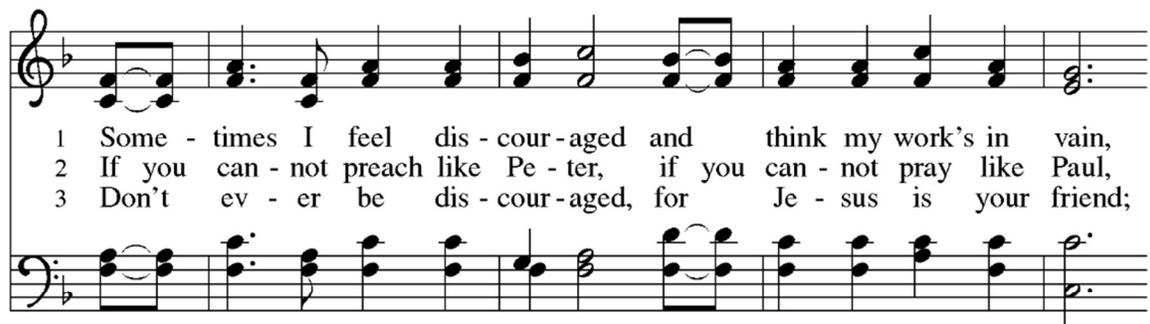
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "God is so Good" – Arr. Doug Wagner

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

P: Let us pray... God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

P: Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick (especially those who we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts). God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for (name/s and) all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Postlude on Old Hundredth" – Gordon Young

Iubilate Deo omnes. Psal. C. N.
 He exhorteth all men to serue the Lord, who hath made vs, and to enter into his Courts and Assembly, to praise his name.



1 people that on earth doe dwell,
 sing to the Lord with chearefull voyce:
 him serue with feare, his praise forth tell.
 Come ye before him and reioyce.

2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeede,

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
11		Lynn & Tim Leichter (35)	Betty Kreitz, Chase Aquino
12		Kerri & Mike Rhine (19)	
16	Lisa Crouse, Althea Crouse (89)		
17			Sara Aquino

<u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u>		
Sunday, June 11	9:30 AM After Worship	Worship Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, June 14	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Church Office hours (No Pr. Jim) Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's.
Friday, June 16	1:00 PM	WELCA annual lunch at Olive Garden.
<u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Sunday, June 18	9:30 AM After Worship	Worship - Tom Gaun Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, June 21	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Summer Office hours (No Pr. Jim) Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's. (Last session till September)
Saturday, June 24	11:00 AM	Stanley A. Aagaard II memorial service and interment.
Sunday, June 25	9:30 AM After Worship	Worship - Rev. Berntsen Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, June 28	N/A	Office Hours by appointment (Vacation)
Sunday, July 2	9:30 AM After Worship	Worship - Hymn Sing Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, July 5	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Summer Office hours (No Pr. Jim)

Reminder, if you have a pastoral care emergency while Pastor Heckman is away, call the church office at 610-346-8500 and Ken Anderson will arrange for one of the on-call pastors to assist you.



June Outreach - Our Outreach envelopes for June have been designated for the *CWS Tool Sunday*. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate a food basket. You can either buy the supplies or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



Keep in your
PRAYERS

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; George Kreitz; Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Ben Naska Sr.; Bonnie Pyne dePortillo; Donnie Pyne; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss and Pat Zion.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Sherri Breithoff; Emma Brown; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Barea Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Betty Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Ollie Butler; Miriam Deal; Anna Gachev-Friedel; Susan Gonzales; Cecelia Kukuchka; Don Seipt, Ann Valent; Erma Velehradsky

If you want to add someone to the prayer list or correct or update it, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: yakkityyak7@gmail.com.

Helping in Worship

Preacher	Rev. John Berntsen
Choir Director and Organist	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	Pat Zion
Altar	Miriam Anderson and Val McGinn
Acolyte	TBD
Lector	Linda Sauter
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Counting Team	Kathy Hlavaty & Karen Beerer
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz