

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30AM AND 11:00AM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

*RINGING OF THE BELL

*GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (UMH#169) *In Thee Is Gladness* Gastoldi/D. Schack

*A LITANY OF GATHERING (responsively):

L: Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and worshiping with the humble and the poor.

P: LET US WALK CHRIST'S WAY WITH JOY!

L: Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our false security.

P: LET US WALK CHRIST'S WAY WITH JOY!

L: Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

P: LET US WALK CHRIST'S WAY WITH JOY!

L: Jesus points us to a way of self giving, where power and status are overturned.

P: LET US WALK CHRIST'S WAY WITH JOY!

L: Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

P: LET US WALK CHRIST'S WAY WITH JOY!

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (as a group):

GRACIOUS GOD, YOU HAVE BLESSED US WITH THE ENTIRETY OF YOUR CREATION, AND WE HAVE TAKEN IT ALL AND TRIED TO PLACE IT IN A BOX THAT WE CAN CONTROL, RATHER THAN MANAGE. WHEN WE GO AGAINST YOUR WILL, WE THEN WONDER WHY LIFE DOES NOT WORK OUT FOR US! IN OUR BROKENNESS, WE SEEK HAPPINESS AND JOY IN THINGS AND IN EXPECTATIONS. AND THEN, OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOPE, WE ARE CRUSHED BY THE WORLD AROUND US AND BY OUR OWN INWARD THOUGHTS. HOLY GOD, SHINE YOUR LIGHT INTO THE DARK DAYS AND NIGHTS OF OUR LIVES. FORGIVE US FOR TURNING FROM YOUR LOVE AND BLESSINGS. AND FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, RESTORE IN US THE JOY THAT COMES THROUGH YOUR SPIRIT LIVING IN US AND THROUGH US. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM *In Thee Is Gladness* Gastoldi
(Lessie Polk/Jerry Gatch – 8:30am)
(LUMC Chancel Choir – 11am)

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN *Water, Water, Everywhere Video*

*A SCRIPTURE MEDLEY *Psalm 47:1-6/NIV*
John 15:9-11/CEB
Romans 14:17-18/MSG

*GLORIA PATRI #71

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Celebration Summer, 2021:*
Celebrating Joy! Rev. L. Kim Eanes

*HYMN OF PRAISE #617 *I Come With Joy*

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE *Watermission.org*

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

*THE DOXOLOGY #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE #160 *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE (UMH#117) *St. Anne* Croft/Arnatt

**Please stand if you are able*