



McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 9, 2020

*“God can turn even our worst moments into possibilities for good.
God can transform even our worst experiences into opportunities for grace.”
Genesis 37*

Special Music

Gloria Warren

Call to worship

Give thanks to the Lord. Call on God’s holy name. Rejoice in the Lord. God fills our hearts with joy. Give thanks to the Lord. Proclaim God’s mighty works. Rejoice in the Lord. God’s miracles are a wonder to behold. Give thanks to the Lord. Trust in God’s salvation. Rejoice in the Lord. God turns even our failings into glory.

Opening Hymn

#361

“How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of confession

God of infinite possibilities, we are like a boat that is beaten by the storm; without your aid we are powerless to get where we are going; we are like disciples who sit in fear for their lives: without your presence we are trapped within the prison of our feelings of helplessness; we are like those lost in wonder and disbelief: without your assurance we quickly drown in our hopeless and despair. Grant us the courage of Peter to believe that through your power anything is possible. Give us the confidence of Joseph to live as dreamers, even when the world turns against us, that we may always be found faithful. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Christ’s love is greater than our deepest failings. “The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’...For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Gloria Patri

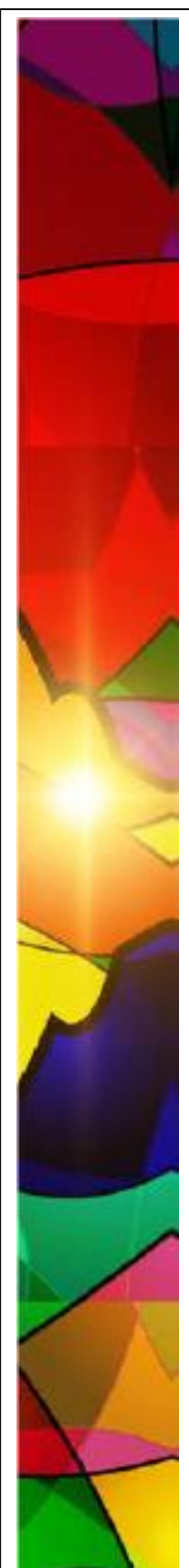
“Glory Be to the Father”

Scripture reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

*Rev. Anthony Gilbert
“That Sinking Feeling”*



The 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.

Affirmation of faith (The Apostles' Creed -Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

#370


"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

Charge and benediction

God blesses us with strength for the journey. Our hearts sing God's praises. Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life. Our spirits rejoice in our salvation. The Spirit guides us with dreams full of hope and promise. Our lives rest secure in the One who is faithful. Thanks be to God!

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Opening Hymn#361: "How Firm a Foundation"

Words: "K" in A Selection of Hymns, 1787; Ed. John Rippon; alt.

Music: American folk melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

Closing Hymn #370: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Choir Zoom Party:** On Wednesday, August 12th at 7pm, the Chancel Choir will have a Zoom Party. Choir Members: watch your email for details.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUTHER- AUGUST 21st**

Phyllis and John Thompson would like to give Luther Langdale (Phyllis's dad) a very special birthday surprise this year. Luther lives at Savannah Court in Bartow and has been on lock-down since the pandemic has started. Let's plan to help with sending Luther a birthday card to either arrive on his birthday the 21st of August or the week of his birthday. I will put a reminder announcement in the worship guide and send out an email with Luther's mailing address next week.

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