

10th Sunday after Pentecost August 1, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome Dr. Brad Clayton

Prelude Adam Ravain

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Linda Pitts

Here with these people we are called. Come, friends, you are welcome,

In the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

Here we choose to lift each other up, humbly, gently, patiently,

In the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

Here we are a small part of one body in one Spirit, with one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

In the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

Here we share hope in one God, who is above all and through all and in all, In the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

*Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Call to Confession

Rev. Linda Pitts

Prayer of Confession

God of unity and love,

Place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of Your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be Your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love.

(silent confession)

Merciful God,

Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Linda Pitts

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Vicki Fannin

For everyone's safety, children should remain in the pews with their family for the service.

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16 (pew Bible p. 951)

Dr. Brad Clayton

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Truth in Love

Dr. Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

Offering

We Are One in the Bond of Love

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love.

We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God.

We are one in the bond of love.

Let us sing now, ev'ry one. Let us feel His love begun; Let us join our hand that the world will know

We are one in the bond of love.

Prayer of Dedication (responsive)

Rev. Trinity Whitley

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Trinity Whitley

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 at 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.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Trinity Whitley

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.

Sending Out Into the World

*Hymn 318

In Christ There is No East or West

*Charge & Benediction

Dr. Brad Clayton

Postlude Adam Ravain

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Carol Atkins Goughnour by her family.

Thank you for joining us for worship today! Coming up:

(for full details please visit www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events)

Face Masks. For everyone's safety, the Session of Faith has requested that we all wear a face mask when inside any of the buildings at Faith. Thank you for helping us care for one another by wearing a mask!

Summer Travels. As you travel this summer, remember that you can still worship with us via livestream! And you can still give online — just visit faithpcusa.org/give.

Sealey Back-to-School Drive. It is time once again for the Faith/Sealey Back-to-School Drive. If you would like to donate needed items for the teachers at Sealey, please visit faithpcusa.org/ Sealey for links to all of the teachers' wish lists. You can also donate money to purchase the supplies; just put Sealey on the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping to support our partner school this way!

Blessing of the Backpacks. On Sunday, August 8, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. Save the date and bring your students' and/or teachers backpacks with you to worship as we send them into the new school year with our prayers.

Fall Kick-Off. We are excited to return to Sunday School for all ages on Sunday, August 15, at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday Night Alive programs (no dinner for now) on August 18. Please see the August newsletter and/or the church website for more information and room assignments.

Calling all Singers. Chancel Choir will return on Sunday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday evening rehearsals will begin at a later date. For everyone's safety, we ask that singers be fully vaccinated and wear masks. If you would like more information please contact Peter Pursino: peter@faithpcusa.org.

Faith Ringers. Handbell rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 1, 6:15 p.m. If you are interested in ringing, please contact Peter Pursino, peter@faithpcusa.org.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$772,075 Received YTD: \$678,134 Spent YTD: \$715,867

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