



Sunday, October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 33:1-5

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

² Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.

⁴ For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.

⁵ The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Prelude

Anna Cavaliere, Piano

Sonatina in C Major, op. 36 Nr. 3 *Spiritoso*
Music: Muzio Clementi (1752-1832)

***Call to Worship - Psalm 34:1-3**

Ingrid Käser

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times;

People: his praise will always be on our lips.

Leader: I will glory in the Lord;

People: let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me;

People: let us exalt his name together.

***Hymn of Praise # 455 All Creatures of Our God and King**

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: Gracious God, we acknowledge before you today, that so often we hunger and thirst for that which cannot satisfy. We hunger and thirst for income and wealth:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We hunger and thirst for achievement and accomplishment.

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: We hunger and thirst for recognition and applause.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We hunger and thirst for knowledge and Information.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We hunger and thirst for spiritual superiority.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Gracious God, through your Holy Spirit, empower us to hunger and thirst for righteousness.

All: In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;

People: By his wounds we have been healed.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives - 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Leader: But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

People: Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Receiving the Word of God

Children's Message

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 112:6-9 (p. 614)

Ingrid Käser

New Testament Reading – Matthew 5:6 (p. 968), Ephesians 4:17-24 (p. 1175)

Sermon

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

"Kingdom Flourishing: Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness"

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn of Response – Fill My Cup, Lord (Hymn Insert)**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Dennis Kuriakose, Elder for Personnel,
Property & Planning

Offertory

Hannah McKay, Soprano

Aria "Hear Ye, Israel!" from *Elijah*

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Music: Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

***Doxology #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

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. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcoming of Visitors

Dennis Kuriakose

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** – # 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Postlude

Emma Cavaliere, Piano

Flood Time

Music: Eric Thiman

Please remain seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's cover art features a sculpture from the French artist Gervais Drouet. This work "Jésus et la Samaritaine" (Jesus and the Samaritan Woman) was produced between 1651 and 1675 and can be viewed at the Musée des Augustins in Toulouse, France.