

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 6, 2023 **10:00am**

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise” #103

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

P: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

Children’s Message Pastor Lee

Back-to-School Blessing Pastor Lee

Receiving of Offering

Offertory “This is the Feast of Victory” Hillert
Bob Yarnell, Vocalist

Doxology

A Time of Prayer Pastor Lee

(Also share your concerns through YouTube Live comments.)

Response: “Hear our prayer, O God”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6(ESV)

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or

from you? You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Sermon “Ministers of a New Covenant” Pastor Lee

Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together” #618

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 12

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 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.

Hymn “O Spirit of the Living God” #539

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Lettie Witt, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Rev. John Griswold, Ginny Monroe, Volrie Olin, Starla Knox, Tom Miller, Joseph Ries, Ramona Vaughn, Betty Willett, Dava (Kay Cooper's friend), Ainsworth Brown, Martie (Diane Walsh's sister).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***UNITED WOMEN**—Luncheon at Jimmy's, 8/8 at 1pm.
- ***MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**—Next meeting 8/11, 8:30am.
- ***RAYS vs. CLEVELAND 8/12**—Christian Faith Day at Tropicana Field
- ***LITURGISTS**—Meeting on 8/13 after worship service.
- ***TRUSTEES/AD. COUNCIL**—Meet 8/15 at 6pm/7pm.
- ***PARSONAGE**—Open House 8/27, 3-5pm.
- ***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Join us!
- ***BIBLE STUDY**—Summer break until September 2023.
- ***NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**—**Group 1** meets Wed & Sat at noon and Fridays at 7pm in Henderson Hall. All are welcome.
Group 2 meets Wed. & Thurs. at 7pm.

Back to School Prayer

Learning is a gift from God. As our children begin this new school year, we give thanks that God has given our children the ability to learn many things in many ways. Loving God, sometimes a new school year seems exciting or scary or both. Help them remember to show their thanks for your gifts of learning by doing their best every day. We ask that you bless their schools, teachers, classmates and friends. We ask that you bless those who prepare their lunches, those who drive them to school, and those who keep their schools clean and safe. We ask God's blessing on this new school year, that it may be a time when they appreciate and fully use God's gift of learning.
Amen.



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