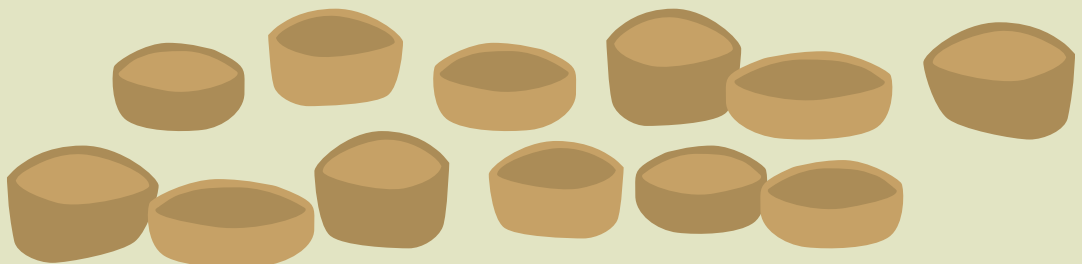
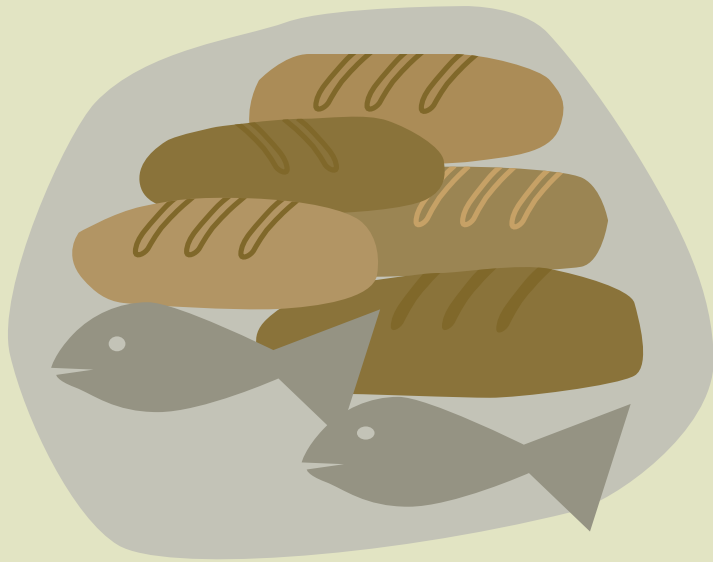


BLESSED

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 6, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who knows the interplay of the celestial bodies of the galaxies, or the inner workings of the world of atoms and molecules? Who can make sense of the events of each day, or even predict the comings and goings of one tomorrow?

Though we humans are wise and knowledgeable, we quickly reach the boundaries our understanding.

Truly, creation reflects a wisdom beyond our wisdom, a design beyond our understandings.

Because our creator is beyond our understandings, a God beyond our imaginations, and a loving Savior whose work can never be equaled, we come today admitting our human limits.

ALL: So with humility, awe, and gratitude, let us worship the one eternal God.

***HYMN** #10: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31 (*Old Testament page 30*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 17:1-7, 15 (*Old Testament page 496*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:1-5 (*New Testament page 159*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 14:13-21 (*New Testament page 16*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #536:** *Thanks to God Whose Word was Spoken*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #431:** *Why Should I be Anxious?*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Aaron and Rachael Nilson

Wolf Rendall

Kevin Rouse

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***HYMN** #560: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

HOLY COMMUNION

*Call to Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

TAKING

Institution

Sung Response

His dying we proclaim. Alleluia! Amen!
His rising we declare. Alleluia! Amen!
His coming we await., now as these gifts we take.
Glory to God on high! Alleluia! Amen!

BLESSING

BREAKING

Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.

GIVING

Offering the bread, offering the cup.

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN** #664: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

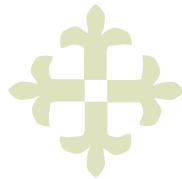
The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious,
Gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you,
Give you peace.

POSTLUDE

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!



*Special thanks to our guest musician, **Nat Bartels!***

GREETERS: Todd and Donna Larson

READERS: Corbin Sheffels and Jo Portinga

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Elaine Johnson

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Ann and Trevor Scranton

LIVESTREAM: Signe

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

AARON AND RACHAEL NILSON

Aaron and Rachael Nilson were married at First Covenant Church in March of 2020, just before the start of the pandemic. At that time, they were living in Washington, DC. Later that summer, they moved to Seattle after a decade away for Aaron, and three years away for Rachael. Rachael works as a nurse at Children's Hospital and Aaron works in refugee resettlement. They live in Magnolia and enjoy being active in Seattle, going on walks around the city, and spending time with friends and family. Rachael looks forward to further involvement with the Nurture Faith team, and Aaron is looking forward to helping as auditor.

WOLF RENDALL

Wolf Rendall is originally from Topanga Canyon, California and moved to Seattle in 2022 after a few years of living and working in different cities. He manages an engineering team at a construction lending company and in his spare time likes to bike, camp, read, and study languages. He hopes to complement First Covenant Church with faith, scholarship, service, and good humor.

KEVIN ROUSE

Kevin Rouse has spent most of his life in Washington state. He moved to Seattle in late 2021. Kevin is a writer, musician, and Luddite hermit who is searching for spiritual growth and a loving community to be a part of.

