

Sunday, August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



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Order of Worship: Sunday, August 2, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and minds:

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

(Ephesians 1:11-12)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: *(adapted from Psalm 100)*

CRU Rachel Akyea

One: Come, one and all.

ALL: Come to sing the Lord's praises.

One: Give thanks to God's holy name.

ALL: Come and worship God with gladness.

One: For we know that our God made us and loves us all.

ALL: We are God's people.

Choral Introit "Love Lifted Me"

***Hymn: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

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*** Passing the Peace** - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

Call to Confession: *(based on Ephesians 1:12-14)*
and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

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Current Prayer Concerns:

Dawn Butler

We will keep each prayer request printed here for four weeks. If there is a continuing need or a change of situation, please notify the church office.

International Student Breakfast

(This was our final one for the year)

We served breakfast for 104 students this past Wednesday! Thank you to all who prepped, baked, cooked, served, and cleaned! We are the hands and feet of Christ; how awesome to share and reflect God's love and grace.

Thank you for all who help!

Fun and Fellowship for Free!

Presbyterians from the Eastern Shore are invited to a New Castle Presbytery special night with the Delmarva Shorebirds in Salisbury. The game starts at 7 pm, on Thursday, August 27. The Presbytery will pay for tickets for all church members. We can have a great time together — and meet people from our nearby churches!

Pastor Jon's Info:

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Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

Music License CCLI—#1650329

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Fellowship Hosts:

Aug 2	Jonelle Jones
Aug 9	Betsy & Barbara Kipila
Aug 16	Lisa Bayles
Aug 23	Marci Russell
Aug 30	Jan Owens

Calendar, Birthdays, and More

Birthdays:

Kim Brenner	August 1
Rich Wright	August 2
Nancy Wright	August 4
Vicky Cairns	August 4

Flowers:

Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

In loving memory of my Parents, Darrell and
Lorraine Rose. *-Dawn Rose Epperson*

Chancel vases open for dedications:

August 16th	1 vase
August 23rd	1 vase

God has called us to lives of hope and praise, but we know that we have never reached God's goals for us. We strive, but perfection remains out of our grasp. We have all lost our way, and try to find our own directions. For these and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: *(unison)*

Our God, you give us hope, but still we doubt, and are tempted into despair. Our God, you bring us truth, but we construct our own rationale for our lives. You lead us toward salvation, but we tell ourselves that the way is too hard. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon:

We have seen what God gives us, and we know that God never stops giving. God has called us as children, and God never revokes that promise. God will not give up on us, no matter our mistakes or our failings. We have inherited all of God's riches, and God already trusts us to do God's work. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

* Gloria Patri *(unison)* #622

The words are available on the laminated sheets of each pew.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology *(unison)*

#625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "I'm So Glad"

Prayer for Illumination: *(unison)*

O God, may our ears be open to your truth. May these words lead us to follow you.

May we learn of your everlasting life, and become courageous enough to live to our fullest in the midst of your teaching. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: *CRU Joy LeFleur*

Ephesians 1:3-10 *page 1156 in pew Bible*

2nd Reading: *Pastor Jon Berquist*

Acts 17:1-8 *page 1097 in pew Bible*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon: *Pastor Jon Berquist*
Which Way is Up?

*Hymn: "For The Bread Which You Have Broken"
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*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed *(unison)*

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

** All are invited to the table, whether they are members of this church or not. **

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you out thanks and praise, O God, for you have freely bestowed your glorious grace on us...

Communion of the People

Words of Institution

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you

Please wait in your pews, as elders pass the plates. Then pass the plate to your neighbors.

Please meditate on the gifts of God, and you may partake of the elements at a time of your choosing.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer