

# White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## The Service for the Lord's Day

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color – Green

August 9, 2020

10:30 AM

### The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: *Holy God, the new day begins with such promise. Help me to enter into this day with joy and confidence in your power and goodness. Whatever challenge I may face, help me to trust in your presence, remembering that you are stronger than any difficulty or threat. If you will surround me in the embrace and affection of steadfast love and faithfulness, of righteousness and peace, then I will be lifted up and strengthened to follow you. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

**One:** God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**All:** **Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.**

**One:** Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**All:** **Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky. God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!**

Hymn:

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Prayer of Adoration

### Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**All:** Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of silence. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen..... (Please observe a moment of silent confession).

Assurance of God's Pardon

One: Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him. This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

A Time with Young Disciples

## Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

**All:** Gracious God, your word is very near, on our lips and in our hearts. As this Word is read and proclaimed, by the power of your Holy Spirit, make it become in us the word of faith. Then send us in joy to bring this word to others who also need the good news of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon:

"Big Trouble in a Small Boat"

Rev. Ed Johnson

## Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of Response: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

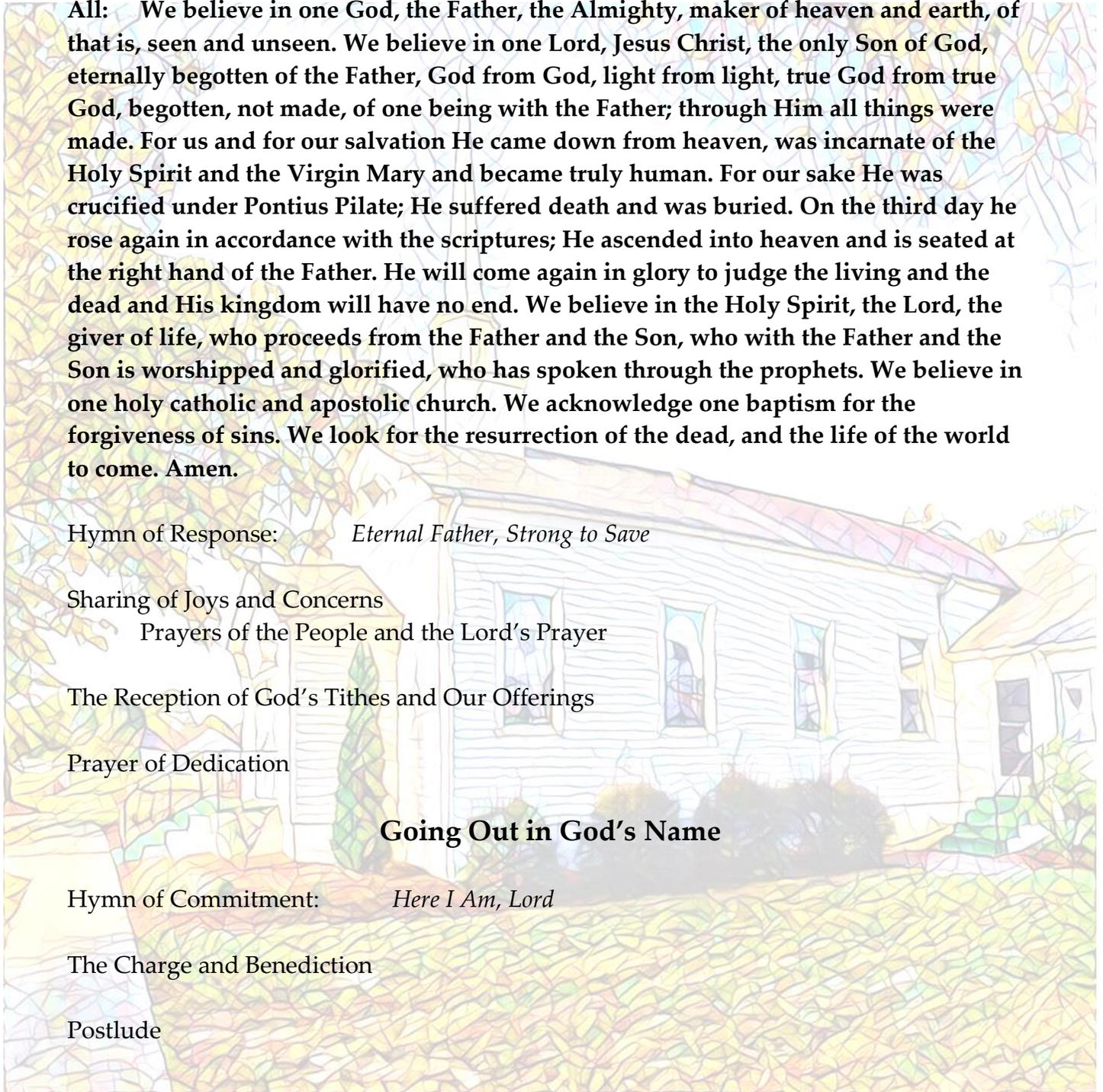
Prayer of Dedication

### Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment: *Here I Am, Lord*

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude



Prayer Concerns: Pam Denning; Forest Johnson; Ted and Linda Penny and her sister, Lil; family of Michelle Hare; Krista Stuttgart; Mann Johnson; Gladys Turner; Judy Johnson; Jack Reid; Frances Underwood; Paula Alford; Ann Garrett; Troy Byrd; Larry Bell; Angela Byrd; Judy Morris; Don Wright; Connie Montgomery; Kaylan King; Ann Johnson; Myron Smith, Heather Raum, Dexter Henry.

Presbyterian mission and Presbyterian disaster Workers; Cindy Correl, Suzette Goss-Geffrard, Mark Hare

Those serving in our military; Joey Dobyms, (Ft. Campbell, KY); Matthew Dunn, (Korea); Cortney Jones, (Ft. Meade, MD); Parker Bough, (Okinawa); 82nd Airborne Division, (Kuwait); Dalton Hayes, (Mexico)

**White Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:**

Remembering God's Grace, the mission of  
White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:  
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;  
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;  
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;  
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;  
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.

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