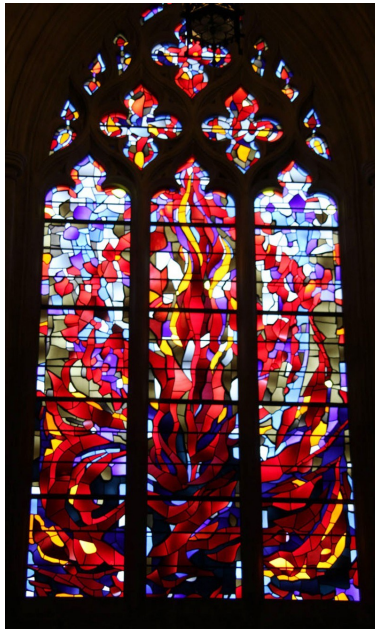


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**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

# Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00AM, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Liturgist: Gail Lingeran

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

**PRELUDE** “Come As You Are” & “O Worship the King”

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

The one who planted us as a vineyard,  
the one who protects us with the walls of love, calls us here.

**As the plantings of God’s justice, we come to bear the fruit of  
righteousness, and to protect the poor from violence and bloodshed.**

The one who tills the soil of our spirit roots us in Christ, the perfecter of our faith.

**As the plantings of God’s hope, may we flourish in the soil of God’s  
joy, joining the great cloud of witnesses before us.**

The one who tends our hearts and souls as a vineyard sustains us by the rains of  
God’s Spirit.

**As the plantings of God’s love and mercy, may we grow healthy and  
strong, bearing the fruit of salvation.**

Come! Let us worship .

**\*HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**UMH # 577**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed

**UMH # 881**

**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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ever-lasting,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**    Unison

**God of the vineyard, plant your passion for justice and righteousness  
in the soil of our lives; prune our thirst for bloodshed and strife from  
the wild growth of self-interest and greed. Nurture us in this time of  
worship, and make room in our hearts for compassion and generosity,  
Help us bear good fruit and live as your people - a people of passion for  
justice and righteousness. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**    Unison

**Bountiful God, you have sheltered us inside the walls of your loving  
care. We long to be the good grapes of your planting, but we have  
yielded the wild grapes of our own willful ways. We yearn to bear the  
fruit of justice and righteousness, but we have neglected the poor  
among us and have ignored the weighty matters of the law. Prune  
away our self-centered ways and dress us with your forgiveness. Call  
down the fire of your baptism, that we may be born anew in the  
ashes of your refiner's fire. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

When we look to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
we learn to love others as Christ has loved us; we find wholeness and forgiveness.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC    “Sheep May Safely Graze” J. S. Bach**

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 12:49-56 (NRSV)**

- 49** "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze!
- 50** I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!
- 51** Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!
- 52** From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;
- 53** they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."
- 54** He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens.
- 55** And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.
- 56** You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

## MESSAGE

**"The Flame Christ Brings"**

**Rev. Dongkue Jee**

## RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN

**"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"**

TFWS # 2140

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH # 895

**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**

## OFFERING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY      "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"      UMH # 95

\*Prayer of OFFERING      Unison

**Faithful God, your love for us is like sunlight that blesses young vines in a vineyard; your passion for our salvation is like rain that kisses the ground of our being to bring forth life. With joy for your bounty, we bring our gifts before you this day, that your vineyard may increase, through the care of our labor and the treasure of our purse. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN      "Soon And Very Soon"      UMH # 706

\*BENEDICTION      Responsive

Go forth and bear the fruit of justice and righteousness.

**We go to bear the fruit of God's vineyard.**

Go forth and bear the fruit of mercy and peace.

**We go to bear the fruit of Christ's grace .**

Go forth and bear the fruit of hope and joy.

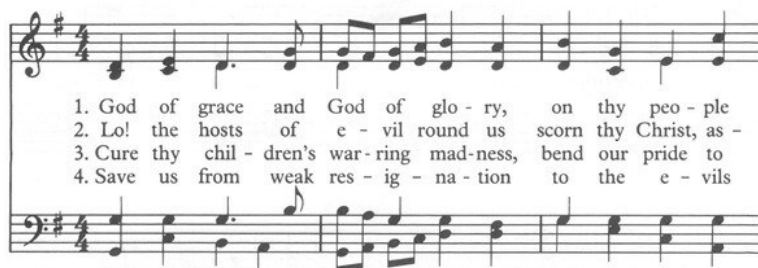
**We go to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.**

Go forth and bear the fruit of the kingdom of God.

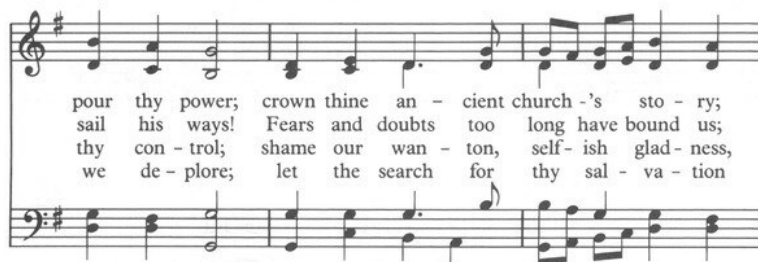
POSTLUDE      "Largo"      Dvorak

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor

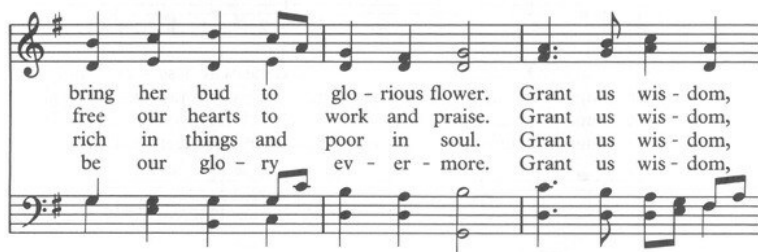
## 577 God of Grace and God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



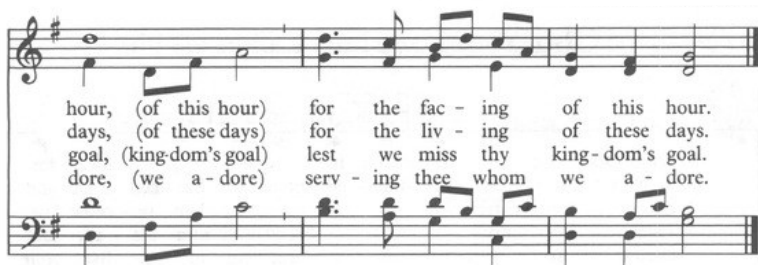
pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

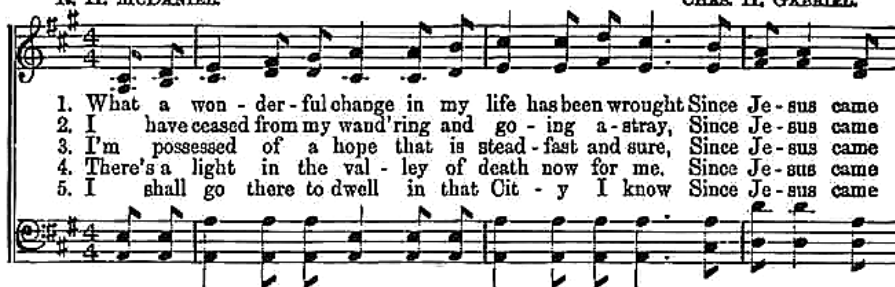


hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

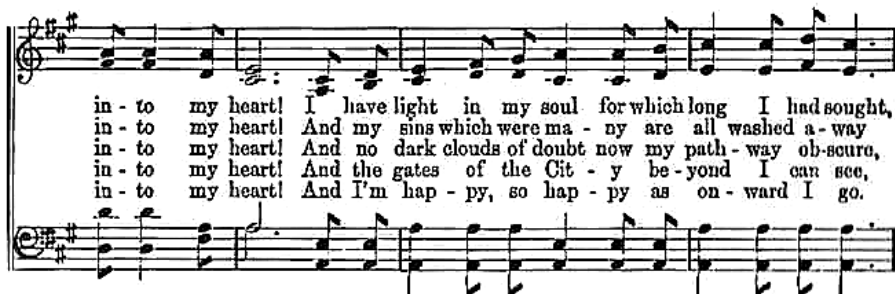
# No. 47. Since Jesus Came Into My Heart.

R. H. McDANIEL.

CHAR. H. GABRIEL.



1. What a won - der - ful change in my life has been wrought Since Je - sus came  
 2. I have ceased from my wand'ring and go - ing a - stray, Since Je - sus came  
 3. I'm possessed of a hope that is stead - fast and sure, Since Je - sus came  
 4. There's a light in the val - ley of death now for me, Since Je - sus came  
 5. I shall go there to dwell in that Cit - y I know Since Je - sus came



in - to my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
 in - to my heart! And my sins which were ma - ny are all washed a - way  
 in - to my heart! And no dark clouds of doubt now my path - way ob - scure,  
 in - to my heart! And the gates of the Cit - y be - yond I can see,  
 in - to my heart! And I'm hap - py, so hap - py as on - ward I go.



CHORUS.  
 Since Je - sus came in - to my heart! Since Je - sus came in - to my  
 Since Je - sus came in, came



heart Since Je - sus came in - to my heart. Floods of joy o'er my  
 in - to my heart, Since Je - sus came in came in - to my heart.



soul like the sea bil - lows roll, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart.

## Soon and Very Soon

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1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;

(Hal-le - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;

(Hal-le - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King.

Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

2. No more dy-ing there,  
3. No more cry-ing there,

WORDS: Andraé Crouch, 1978 (Rev. 21:3-4)  
MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1978; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987

VERY SOON  
Irr.