"Wisdom from Jigsaw Puzzles 2 When the Pieces Don't Make Sense"



August 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

(†) The congregation is invited to stand as your able (BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creator God, we are the vine you have planted.

You created us to bear good fruit.

We thank you,

and pray that your beauty may ripen in us.

Christ, you are the vine and we are your branches.

We praise you,

and pray that we may be faithful to you, deeply rooted in your love.

Holy Spirit, you are the miracle of growth and fruitfulness within us.

We worship you and pray that you will fill us and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!



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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
we confess that like uprooted vines
we are not grounded in your love;
that we do not know how to live.
Our faith is weak; our vision is dark;
our hearts are wounded;
our desires are amiss.
Receive us with mercy, God;
forgive our sin,
heal our hearts,
and restore in us your Spirit,
so that we may be rooted in your presence,
and bear the fruit of your love.
God, we surrender to your perfect grace.
Amen.

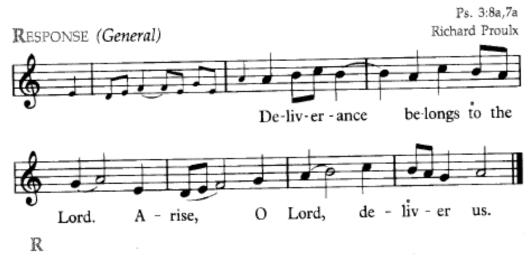
† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Blessings have been poured upon us so that we may use them to help others. God walks with us and guides our steps as we reach out in compassion, mercy and justice to all in need.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD



- God is seated in the divine council; and in the midst of the gods holds judgment:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?
- Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
- 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- I said, "You are gods, godlike offspring, all of you;
- 7 nevertheless you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to you belong all the nations!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He



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† GOSPEL LESSON: <u>Luke 12: 49-56</u> (Pg. 848) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,

For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD



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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han

Wisdom from Jigsaw Puzzles 2-"When the Pieces Don't Make Sense"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG



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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE



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*Benediction

Voluntary

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Looking Ahead

Readings for August 24, 2025
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10 / Psalm 71:1-12

Hebrews 12:18-29 / Luke 13:10-17



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