

Tenth after Pentecost, Year B ..... August 1, 2021  
INVITATION AND GATHERING

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING WORDS**

Come and welcome the King of kings. The time has come. Of  
worshiping the King. This is the time. This is the hour. And his church  
rises to worship. Celebrating with great joy. The king is here.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... Esther 4:12-16**

**\* OPENING HYMN: #131.....We Gather Together**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: World news is a constant cry of violence and bloodshed. But  
God is still in charge of his world.

**People: We trust in God to be our refuge and help in the time  
of trouble.**

Leader: When the future becomes history, God’s fingerprints will be on  
it. But we can be a part of the future only by trusting in God.

**People: We know that God’s time is not ours, nor does God  
work according to our impatience. We therefore  
commit ourselves to God’s care, assured that in God  
will be our strong defense.**

**\* Let us pray (Congregation):**

**Almighty God who calls us, in the midst of a world broken by  
discord and violence to respond to you in faithfulness: Inspire  
us by your Spirit to put our trust in you, confident that we are in  
your love and providence. In our Savior’s name we pray. Amen.**

**\* LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

**# 620.....One Bread, One Body**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

**Our world is sick with conflict and strife, Lord, and our  
fears convince us that conditions are worse instead of  
better. Our faith wanes as we wonder where you are in  
all this turmoil. Forgive us when we build our faith on  
the idea that you ought to do what we want you to do,  
the way we want you to do it, when we want you to do it.  
Renew and re-establish our faith that we may learn to live  
each day, trusting you to be the God you have promised  
to be. Hear us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

**\* LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: # 593 ..... Here I Am, Lord**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God looks at us in our brokenness,  
And offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord.  
With the assurance of God’s faithful love,  
Choose this day to be people of blessing.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING: ..... Joshua 1:9**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD MADE FLESH: “A Bold Faith: Part 2”**

**\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 572 .....Pass It On**

**CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns`**

Let us pray: **The Lord’s Prayer**

**\* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 ..... O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**RECEPTION OF MEMBERS**

**RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATES**

**\* CLOSING HYMN: # 557 .....Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

**\* DISMISSAL BLESSING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Esther 4:12-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> So they told Mordecai Esther's words.

<sup>13</sup> And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in <sup>[a]</sup>Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

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