



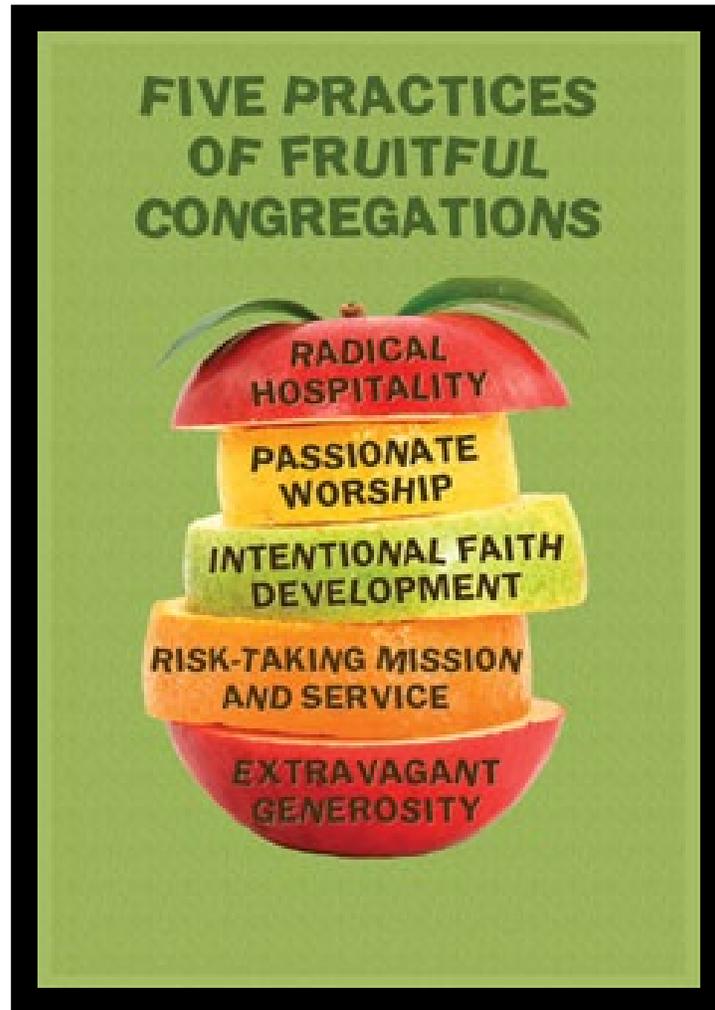
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August 14th, 2022
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Jim Meredith, *Music Director*

by: Sebastian Temple; arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER[*RESPONSIVE*]

Laurel Williams

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

The promise is sure and true,

that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.

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OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me TFWS 2153

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30 (MSG)

Laurel Williams

“It’s also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money.

After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his

investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on, be my partner.’

“The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master’s investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’

“The servant given one thousand said, ‘Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.’

“The master was furious. ‘That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest. “Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.”

RESPONSE [RESPONSIVE]

Laurel Williams

What would God have us do?

What gifts do we have that can serve God?

Lord, guide our lives and our service.

Lord, call us to ministries of hope and promise.

Help us, O Lord, to look beyond words.

Help us, O Lord, to see ways of service.

Open our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your guidance.

Help us to be those people who will bring good news to those in darkness and doubt.

Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving for gifts of ministry.

Let us praise God with joyful hearts for opportunities to serve. AMEN. *Ministrymatters.com*

SERMON

“Risk-Taking Mission and Service”

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

Galia Fragoso, *Lake Lunches Ministry*

Daniel Uthman, *Lake Lunches Ministry*

RESPONSE

Here I Am, Lord UMH 598

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.*

All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*
3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

*Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING

THANKSGIVING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy. (2x)

CLOSING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Make Me A Servant TFWS 2176

*Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant
Make me a servant
Make me a servant today*
(2x)

CLOSING PRAYER [RESPONSIVE]

Laurel Williams

Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord.
Entrust yourself to the winds of God's Spirit;
put to death selfish desires,
and offer yourself for God's mission in the world.
And may God give strength to you and to all;
May Christ Jesus bless you with peace;
And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,
give you assurance that you are God's children.
**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Nathan Nettleton

POSTLUDE **They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

Peter Scholtes; arr. Mark Hayes