

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost -
August 2, 2026**

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PASSING THE PEACE; PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader

What does the Lord require of us? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. With what shall we come before the Lord? With speech that is gentle, and words that build up. How shall we live our faith? With actions that bring peace and works that lift up the lowly. Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

HYMN # 442 (Blue Hymnal)

The Church's One Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN

Unison

When we feel beaten down by the world, Merciful One, free us from sorrow and grief. When we are wounded by careless words, help us refrain from lashing out in our suffering and hurting the ones we love. Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness, that we may walk humbly in your ways and be a blessing to everyone we meet. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 6, Matthew 5

God is stronger than our weaknesses, and greater than our failings. Even when we fall short, God's love embraces us and sets us on the path of life once more.

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE MORNING PRAYERS

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 107:4-9 (Bible p.600)

Matthew 5:6 (Bible p.958)

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness"

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

***COMMUNION HYMN #322 (Blue)**

Spirit of the Living God

THE WORDS OF INVITATION

Friends, if your seeking has led you here, to this sanctuary, then I have good news: you do not have to seek anymore. This table is God's Table. If you came seeking beauty, let your spirit marvel at the beauty of a community coming together. If you came seeking the Divine, then know that God is present in this ordinary meal. So let your weary heart stop the search. We are standing on Holy ground. This is God's Table. All are invited. Come.

SILENT PRAYERS AND PREPARATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The First Creed

Leader: Jesus is Lord!

People: Jesus is Lord, indeed!

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

***HYMN # 372 (Blue Hymnal)**

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

***BENEDICTION**

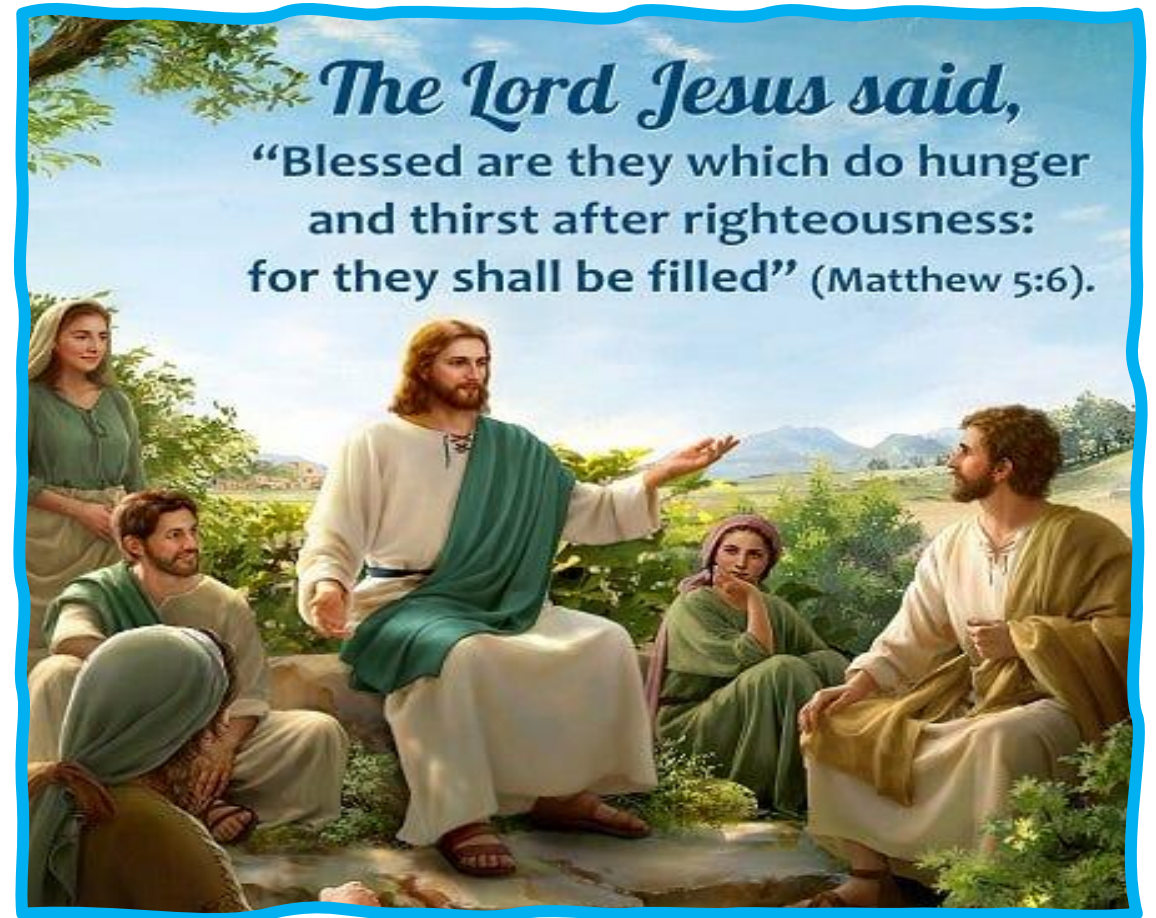
Micah 6, Psalm 15, Matthew 5

Seek justice and discover God's blessings. Walk humbly with God. Practice kindness and touch Christ's presence. Share mercy and abide in the Holy Spirit. Leave footprints of light and compassion with every step you take. Amen.

POSTLUDE - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

Announcements:

1. The flowers today are given by Rodney & Jane Bennett in honor of our Church and with prayers that God will bless us with growth in the near future.
2. We will have a fellowship luncheon today after worship.
3. Sermon Series:
 - August 2 - "Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness"
 - August 9 - "Blessed Are the Merciful" (Communion)
 - August 16 - "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"
 - August 23 - "Blessed Are the Peacemakers"
 - August 30 - Guest minister
 - September 6 - "First Things First"
 - September 13 - "Blessed Are Those Persecuted"
4. Prayer List:
 - a. **Update:** Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd)- is now at home with many health issues but slowly making improvements.
 - b. **New:** Gail Dekle (the mother of Amyie Mathis) fell and broke her back; she is at the Southwell rehab facility in Adel.
 - b. Shane Ferraro: (Bowyers daughter, Peyton's best friend) has finished chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer, but the cancer is not completely gone so he will have surgery and possibly another round of chemo.
 - c. Melissa Hughes - (Niece of Marlene Mathis) is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 metastatic bone cancer. Melissa is focused on spending quality time with her children and making memories with them. Pray for this mother of young children and her family as they seek comfort and understanding.
 - d. Diann Hall (sister of Rodney Bennett)- has completed surgery and chemotherapy for cancer; doctors are optimistic that they got all the cancer.
 - e. **Update:** Cleveland Shaw - (the father of Biff & Cheryl's son-in-law) passed away on July 25th.
 - f. **New:** Stacy Jones (our pianist)- will have diverticulitis surgery



The Lord Jesus said,
"Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

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