

REVELATION 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

All programming is virtual unless otherwise indicated

Event Time	Event Name
Sunday, 18 October 2020	
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Class
9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Sunday Morning In-Person Worship
10:00 AM to 10:40 AM	Sunday School Zoom Grade 3 - 7
11:00 AM to 12:15 PM	Sunday Worship (Livestream)
12:30 PM to 1:20 PM	Co-Ed Bible Study
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM	High School Picnic
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Pioneers Zoom Games
Monday, 19 October 2020	
8:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Monday Class
Tuesday, 20 October 2020	
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Brown Bag Lunch with Tom (in-person)
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Tuesday Class
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Stewardship Committee
Wednesday, 21 October 2020	
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Communications Committee Meeting
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Women's Association Board Meeting
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	JOINT CHIEF Meeting - Session, Trustees & Deacons
Thursday, 22 October 2020	
7:45 AM to 8:45 AM	Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM	Women's Bible Study
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Thursday Class
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Brown Bag Dinner with Tom (in-person)



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost — NINE O'CLOCK IN-PERSON SERVICE —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Exodus 33:12-23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Psalms 99:1-9

Matthew 22:15-22

WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us in worship today. Please remain in your seat and wear a mask during the entire service. We ask that you maintain 6' distance from other worshippers at all times. Unsettled children may be taken to the Chapel, where you may view a simulcast of the service and available seats have been marked.

EXITING WORSHIP

Please wait for an usher to dismiss your pew following worship. We ask that you do not congregate at any time.

NEW OFFICERS

DEACONS

Susan B. Appleby
Julie Chang
Isabelle G. M. Clark
Marilyn T. Dikkers
Luc M. Dowling
Tiffany Hoke
Alexander W. King
Christopher L. Randall
David R. Rose, Jr.
Willis G. Ryckman, IV

RULING ELDERS

David M. Darst, Jr.
Pamela H. Ferguson
Garrett W. Hah
Amanda K. Heath
A. Lindsay Higgins
Jane B. Lowry
David W. Morgan
Christopher C. Thorpe
Cynthia Watson

TRUSTEES

Kenneth W. Austin (2nd Term)
Kevin R. Greene (2nd Term)
Elizabeth Philipp
Richard D. Rippe

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Simon and Barbara Wareham by the Raymond N. Wareham family.



NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER will be M. Craig Barnes.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SOLO

Nicaea

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and Merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding and You have set us on paths of righteousness. Yet we have strayed from Your way. We have ignored the power of Your transforming grace and continued to live lives of brokenness. Awaken us once more to the power of Your love to heal us. Guide us once again on a path where our thoughts, words, and deed reflect who You are. Help us to become the disciples You created us to be. Amen.

KYRIE

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

William S. Crutchfield III

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

(See scripture text at the end of this bulletin.)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans

“The Buoyant Power of the Saints”

THE RESPONSE

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(Please find a pew envelope at your seat. An offering box is located at the exit.)

OFFERTORY SOLO

James Leith MacBeth Bain (1860-1925)

“Brother James’ Air”

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, ee’n for His own name’s sake. Yea, though I though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God’s house forever more my dwelling place shall be. — *from Psalm 23*

Tonna Miller-Vallés, soprano

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE