



September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER CENTERING

PRELUDE

Pastorale, 12 American Preludes, No. 10

Composer: Alberto Ginastera, 1916-1983

Publisher: Carl Fischer Inc.

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WELCOME

Rev. John Campbell

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC)

Bill Maas, Chair, SPRC

OPENING PRAYER

Katie Cope, Liturgist

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ALL:	God's promises are sure.
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WORD

ANTHEM

Alabaré

Composer: Manuel José Alonso, b.1939, and José Pagán-Lopez, 1916-2009

Arr.: Hal Hopson, b. 1933

Publisher: Hope Publishing

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Benjamin Smedberg, Piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

ONE:	We confess our sins before God and one another.
	<i>Pause for silence and reflection</i>
ONE:	Merciful God,
ALL:	We confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. We have acted or failed to act in ways that have led to injustice and oppression. We have turned away from you and sought after other gods—possessions, people, media, and other distractions. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.

ONE:	Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name. Amen.
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PASSING THE PEACE

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Cope, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-6

Katie Cope, Liturgist

MESSAGE: "Blessings Like the Milky Way"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

*HYMN #116

The God of Abraham Praise

Words: from the Yigdal of Daniel Ben Judah, c. 1400; para.: Thomas Olivers, 1760, alt.

Music: Hebrew melody, in *Sacred Harmony*, 1780; harm.: *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875

Congregation

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WONDER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Katie Cope, Liturgist

WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Voices of Faith

ONE:	Dear Lord,
ALL:	thank you for drawing us into a community that has been home for so many – Faith Church.
ONE:	Inspire us with the lives of those who went before us,
ALL:	those who lived here in faith and received and passed along your love to all those who needed it.
ONE:	Change us with a vision to continue here
ALL:	as a steady presence for those who travel through life, a community of belonging that cares for the community around us, becoming servants to the Kin-dom, believing into what is still yet to be.
ONE:	Teach us to discern your voice as those before us have discerned your voice,
ALL:	guided by its call and feeding on its promise of life and hope and belonging.
ONE:	May we hear your word:
ALL:	a comforting word in its familiar sound, yet a disturbing word in what it speaks anew and longs for us to become.
ONE:	Hold us within the faith of our forebears,
ALL:	those who chose to meet you here in this neighbourhood, who recognized this thin place beneath the trees where your miracle of grace abides.

ONE:	May we be moved by that same grace into all the places that make up our community,
ALL:	sharing what you have given abundantly like an ever-flowing stream.
ONE:	Call us from our past,
ALL:	through the voices of our ancestors, in the songs they have sung and the prayers they have spoken that have shaped peace and progress,
ONE:	And may we join our voice with their voice,
ALL:	in the one great song of love that is lived and celebrated still and in the future, throughout our community.

***HYMN #529**

How Firm a Foundation

Words: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Music: Early USA melody; harm.: Tabor, 1866

Congregation

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

SENDING FORTH & BLESSING FOR OUR TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

POSTLUDE

Divertimento en Tema Antiguo (Diversion on an Old Theme)

Composer: Ramón Noble, 1925-1999

In *Mexican Composer for the Organ*, Vol. 1, ed. James Welch

Publisher: Harbach Music Publishing, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given today by Sara Romeyn in celebration of Tim Evans' 55th birthday.

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: William Hahs

Altar Guild for September: Debbie Spriggs

Audio Visual Volunteers: Aaron Dowd, Chuck Spencer and Eric Winchenbach

Chat Room Host: Mary Stark

Congregational Welcome: Rev. John Campbell

Fellowship Hosts: Gary Clark and Jan Spencer

Liturgist: Katie Cope

Nursery Staff: Tessa Ricketts

Sunday School Teachers -Elementary Grades: Janice Jones and Dawn Adair Johnson

Sunday School Teachers – Middle School Grades: Bill Maas and Laura Basford

Welcome Team: Bruce Werber

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