

Celebration of Worship

✠ Stand as you are able.

We Gather as God's People

We welcome you on this tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 13th, 2017.

Prelude

Greetings, Welcome Visitors, and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the red folder in your row.)

✠ **Congregation Introit** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* no. 328

✠ Call to Worship

L: The Word is near us in this place. God's presence is everywhere.

P: We come to God's house to praise God's name!

L: The Word is near us in this place. God's glory is everywhere.

P: We come to God's house to confess our belief in the risen Lord!

L: The Word is near us in this place. God's power is everywhere.

P: We come to God's house to believe in God!

L: The Word is near us in this place. God's love and acceptance are everywhere.

P: We come to God's house to be saved!

We Give Ourselves to God

✠ **Praise Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* no. 206

We Pray Together (Unison):

Almighty and most gracious God, we give You thanks for this day and for calling us here.

We gather to praise Your name, for Your faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Signs of Your faithfulness are all around us: love, mercy, forgiveness, new life,
and the gifts of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.*

Help us claim Your faithfulness as we seek to increase our faithfulness to You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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Witness: We share our joys, connections, and concerns with Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Loose change offerings go toward mission projects SPUMC supports.

Offertory *In His Time* no. 2203
Bill Lee, Soloist

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 40: 3-5 (OT p. 633)**



We Hear God's Word

Message "Work In The Wilderness"
Sermon Text: Isaiah 40: 3-5 (OT p. 633)

We Respond with Our Lives

✠ **Hymn of Invitation** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* no. 399
✠ **Benediction**
✠ **Pass the Peace:** "The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."