

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### INTERCESSIONS

*Lord, in your mercy.*

**Hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(spoken with COVID—restraint)*

### BENEDICTION & SENDING

**POSTLUDE**

*Rigaudon*

André Campra



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## THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2020

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*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

### PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Timothy Roehrs

Officiant

Kurt Heyer

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Henry Bryan

Lector, Intercessor

### COVID19 PROTOCOL

All worshipers are expected to wear a mask and to keep the mask on at all times. If you are not able to bring a mask, one will be provided for you.

Social distancing will be observed, including significant spacing in the sanctuary between worshipers. Exception will be made of those in the same family group or live in the same household. Certain pews will be inaccessible.

### SACRAMENT

Distribution of Holy Eucharist will be available following worship.

**PRELUDE**      *In Christ There Is No East or West*      James Biery

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.

We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear differences and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

**Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through + Jesus Christ,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Your sins are forgiven.

Live now in hope, for hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

*The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.*

## SECOND LESSON

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

## HOMILY

**CREED**    *(spoken with COVID—restraint)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**