

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Holy Ground* TFWS #2272
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Holy Ground* TFWS #2272

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Blessings"* Laura Story

SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31
 Matthew 14:13-21

HYMN *(please remain seated)* *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* No. 596

SERMON MIXED BLESSING! Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Speak, O Lord* Getty/Townend
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15
 Sharing the Bread and Cup
 Communion Music *I Love You, Lord* Laurie Klein/arr. Mark Hayes

*CLOSING HYMN *This is My Father's World* No. 144

*BENEDICTION

Go forth with the blessing of the One who brings us through our struggles.
We go with the blessing of God, who greets us face to face.
 Go with the blessings of the One who heals wounds and makes us whole.
We go with the blessings of God, who meets us through the Spirit.

*RESPONSE *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* No. 671

POSTLUDE *Postludium* Stephen Otis

**Please stand as able.*

Today's Scripture

Genesis 32:2 2-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Today's Liturgist: Cristy Van Hook

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME IS LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
07/09	39	45	84	33	117	\$4,652
07/16	41	61	102	30	132	\$4,120
07/23	35	52	87	17	104	\$5,076
07/30	25	43	68	2	70	\$2,152

Our Fiscal Year Started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
 7/30 Received \$2,152 YTD Received \$23,773 YTD Budget \$30,189. Need some help here. We are falling behind and it is only the first month of the fiscal year.

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:
Christian Education, Worship, Membership

Next Sunday August 13

United Women in Faith



Next Sunday you are invited to dress
"Hawaiian" for our
BEACH THEME SUNDAY



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	Aug 07	6:30 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--Criswell Hall.
Tue	Aug 08	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 Chair Yoga--CH, 7:00 PM Board of Trustees--CH.
Wed	Aug 09	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday, 10:00 AM Program Ministry--Library.
Thu	Aug 10	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10 AM Craft Workshop--MMR, 10:30 AM SPRC--Pastor's Study.
Sun	Aug 13	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--Sanctuary.
Sun	Aug 13	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary.

Abbreviation
Legend
CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library Room #123
MMR--McMillen Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Thursday August 10
Craft Workshop
10 AM-12 PM
McMillen Room
Today's Craft:
Decorating with Seashells.
Led by Gerry McGuire.
All Welcome!



Sunday August 27
Program Ministry Free Movie
4:00 PM Criswell Hall
"Woman in Gold" stars Helen Mirren and is a true story of a family's battle to recover possessions seized in WW II.



Saturday September 16
United Women in Faith Women's Rally
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
at the home of Judie Neufeld.
Program and Barbecue. Save the date!



Sunday September 17
Staff & Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
Held between worship services.



Sunday August 13
Beach Theme Sunday
You are invited to dress casually and wear Hawaiian shirts, beach hats, flip-flops, leis to the worship services.



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August 6, 2023

10:30 AM

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*When our faith is at its weakest,
God struggles with us---not to punish,
but to bless us, if we have the courage to ask.*

PRELUDE *I Saw the Light* Hank Williams/arr. Brent Edstrom

INTROIT *Morning Has Broken* No. 145

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Are you hungry for a word of hope?

We come to be fed and nourished.

Are you yearning to see the bounty of God?

We long to see and believe.

Are you ready to witness the power of our God?

We are ready.

Come! Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maddy Quaglino -- "Noisy Offering"

LEADERSHIP MOMENT

OPENING PRAYER

**God of ages past and days to come,
be with us as we come into your presence.**

**Show us your steadfast love
and bless us in our need.**

**Smile upon us in the midst of our struggles,
and fill our hearts, minds and souls with your peace.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell