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May 10, 2026

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather: "Blessed Assurance"

J. Bert Carlson

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Welcome

Call to Worship by Nancy Townley

One: How shall we love the Lord our God who has poured out such love upon us?

All: We shall love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and spirit.

One: How shall we demonstrate that love.

All: We shall live that love in all that we do, think, and say.

One: Let our love be genuine and holy.

All: Praise be to God who has loved us totally!

Hymn #469 “O Grant Us Light”

Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! The breath that lives in each of our chests is the presence of the Holy Spirit moving in us. Join with me in renewing that relationship now.

All: Triune God, Creator, Son, and Spirit One, we praise you with every molecule in our being. You formed us in our mother's womb, and imbued every fiber of our being with your Spirit. When Jesus appeared to the disciple's

Lawrence Tuttiett, 1864; alt.

1. O grant us light, that we may know
wis-dom that you a-lone can give,
That truth may guide us as we go,
and vir-tue bless the lives we live.

2. O grant us light that we may find
where er-ror lurks in hu-man lore,
And turn to you our seek-ing minds,
and love your ho-ly Word the more.

3. O grant us light, that we may learn
how dead is life from you a-part,
How sure is joy for all who turn
to you an un-di-vid-ed heart.

4. O grant us light, when soon or late,
all earth-ly scenes shall pass a-way,
In you to find the o-pen gate,
to death-less home and end-less day.

Ps. 43:3

offering peace, he breathed on them with the Holy Spirit. Help us to remember that every breath we take is a prayer, and bless us in our journey toward Pentecost. Amen.

Response to prayer of confession 🎵 Hymn #465,
V2

**Help me, O Savior, here to trace
the sacred footsteps you have trod;
And fully trusting in my God,
To grow in goodness, truth, and grace.**

Words of Reassurance

**One: The Holy Spirit is our guide and advocate!
Just a breath away, filling us with holy light.**

All: Paul shared the good news with the church in Rome, saying “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you”. -Romans 8:11

Response to Words of Assurance 🎵 Hymn #407
V2

**“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God, I will still give you aid;**

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand

Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.”

Scriptures

Trudi Egan

Reading 1: Psalm 66:8-20

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Reading 2: John 14:15-21

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Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer for grace)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Moment

Sermon: “Standing on the Promises”

Rev. Becky Sausser

Hymn#468

“The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young”

(Note: Ushers will collect “Prayer Cards” during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)

The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young

R. Deane Postlethwaite, 1980

1. The care the ea-gle gives her young,
safe in her loft-y nest,
Is like the ten-der love of God
for us made man-i-fest.

2. As when the time to ven-ture comes,
she stirs them out to flight,
So we are pressed to bold-ly try,
to strive for dar-ing height.

3. And if we flut-ter help-less-ly,
as fledg-ling ea-gles fall,
Be-neath us lift God's might-y wings
to bear us, one and all.

Deut. 32:11–12a; Exod. 19:4

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #510, Verse 1

**Grant us wisdom to perceive you,
Hearts awakened to receive you,
Minds alert to thoughts that grieve you,
God of mercy, hear us.**

Chancel Choir "Whisper to My Heart"

David Angerman and Joseph M. Martin

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Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Offering

Offertory *"Te offecemos"* Jeffrey Honore

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** * Hymn #471 "What a Covenant"***

Commission and Blessing

*** Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Music to Go Forth "Fugue in C Major"

George Frederick Handel

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Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1. What a cov-e-nant, what a joy di-vine,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all a-larms;
lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain:

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?
I have bless-ed peace with my Sav-ior near,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain:

Deut. 33:27

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

God is still speaking, ...

Serving St. John's...

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor
Lucia Guido.....Admin Assistant
Lois Mease.....Music Director and Organist
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

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