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10th after Pentecost**

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

God is faithful in words, and gracious in action

We look to God for nurture in every season

God is near to all who call out in truth, and watches over all

We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever

Opening Hymn: Let us with a Gladsome Mind VU 234

- 1 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise our God, forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- 2 God, with all-commanding might,
filled the newmade world with light;
for God's mercies still endure
ever faithful, ever sure.
- 3 God has with a gracious eye
looked upon our misery;
for God's mercies still endure
ever faithful, ever sure.
- 4 All things living God does feed,
with full measure meets their need;
for God's mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- 5 Let us then with gladsome mind,
praise our God, forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Opening Prayer

Mysterious and merciful God, we praise you for abundant life, for the beauty of creation, and the blessings of each day. We praise you for communities of care, for your guidance and wisdom, for justice in a broken world

and for healing. We worship you as the Source of life and love, comfort and courage, as Creator, Christ and Spirit, One God, this day and every day, now and always. Amen

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, In Christ you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness, yet we neglect the suffering of others and hold grudges. We blame and judge each other in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy. Free us from greed and from grievance, and open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings and walk in his way this day and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Christ, you are forgiven. Forgive one another, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Children's Time

Ministry of Music: The Miracle

Verse 1

Jesus walked upon the water
He stilled the storm and calmed the angry sea.
With His hands He healed the leper,
He made the lame to walk, the blind to see.
He fed a thousand people with a loaf or two of bread
And when the ruler's daughter died
He raised her from the dead.

Chorus

Jesus is a God of miracles
Nothing is at all impossible to Him.
But I know this
Of all His miracles, the most incredible must be
The miracle that rescues me.

Verse 2

Jesus bled and died to save me
A price that I could never pay alone.
When He rose again, He gave me
The greatest gift the world has ever known.
Yes, I can be forgiven every time that I repent
And someday He will lift me up to live with Him again.

Chorus

Jesus is a God of miracles
Nothing is at all impossible to Him.
But I know this:
Of all His miracles the most incredible must be
The miracle that rescues me
The miracle that rescues you and me.

Scripture: Matthew 14: 13-21

Reader: John Cuming

When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

He said, Bring them hither to me.

And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

Sermon: Get In the Game and be a Feast Giver

Hymn: For the Crowd of Thousands

VU 355

- 1 For the crowd of thousands
sitting on the ground,
seven is sufficient,
seven will go round.
- 2 Seven is sufficient,
fish and loaves of bread;
Jesus, for our hunger,
gives us life instead.
- 3 Jesus makes his offer:
fish and bread as food.
Make us truly thankful,
make our living good.
- 4 If we give to Jesus
bread to bless and break,
five and two will feed us
seven days a week.
- 5 What we give to Jesus,
and with others share,
will at last be gathered:
over and to spare!

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

- **Birthday**
 - Rev. Jeff Hawkins

Prayers of the People

The Lord's prayer

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: God, as We Rise to Leave VU 417

- 1 God, as we rise to leave this shell of worship,
called to the risk of unprotected living,
willing to be at one with all your people,
we ask for courage
- 2 For all the strain with living interwoven,
for the demands each day will make upon us,
and for the love we owe the modern city,
God, make us cheerful.
- 3 Give us an eye for openings to serve you;
make us alert when calm is interrupted,
ready and wise to use the unexpected;
sharpen our insight.
- 4 Lift from our life the blanket of convention;
give us the nerve to lose our life to others;
be with your church in death and resurrection,
God of all ages.

Benediction

Postlude: Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You Sung by Rev. Jeff Hawkins

Welcomers: Mildred Perkin, John Cuming

Counters: Ruth Sproule, Phil Brown

Worship Schedule

Aug 9 th	11 th after Pentecost	Kate Keilty
Aug 16 th	12 th after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
Aug 23 rd	13 th after Pentecost	Kate Keilty
Aug 30 th	14 th after Pentecost	Kate Keilty