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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2023 ~ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. Ron Boud)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

Alleluia! Amen.

LET US PRAY

Almighty God, by whom we are named and in whom we are sustained: May your gifts be our refreshment and your grace our consolation that we might sing always the praises of our redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord; Who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #451 *Be Thou My Vision*

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *I Surrender All* (Johnson)

✠DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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PSALTER #749

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON

"Limping With God"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *UMH#13*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #673

God Be with You till We Meet Again

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS ~ Patrice and Alex Goldman (8:30)

BENEDICTION

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(arr. Ron Boud)

✙ Stand as able

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jody Mullins by
Linda B. Ellis, Patrick McKibbin and Brett's children.

*Children's Church will not be held today. On the first Sunday of each month,
children stay for the entire service so they can worship and receive Holy Communion with their families.
Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan; **Liturgist:** Ann Pearson

Acolyte: (11:00) Darby Butler, Evan Jones

Communion Servers: (8:30) Emily Garner,

Gene Lammers, Melanie and Bob Moore

(11:00) Helen Ingram, John, Elizabeth

and Ford Macklem, Carol Willis

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Toby Monckton, Wright Tapscott



AUGUST 27

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Shea White, Praise Team

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

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GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

****Baskets are available to present your offering
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Micah Wright

Acolytes: Anne Pavey Grant, Caroline Turner

Communion Servers: Jane and Don Dolan, Emily and Doug Garner,
Mary and Noah Funderburg, Sherry and Johnny Herron

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Myers, Karl Langley

Micah is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church and a Nationally Certified Licensed Counselor currently working as a crisis and trauma therapist at BayPointe Hospital in Mobile. He graduated from Huntingdon College with a degree in Religion and Psychology, received his Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and has a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of South Alabama. Micah is married to the Reverend Kristen Curtis Wright, a pastor at Ashland Place UMC, and the two of them are expecting their first child in October.

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