## Welcome To Worship



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

# PRELUDE MUSIC WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS INVITATION TO REST

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

In a world where lies surround us, your word is like fire, God nearby!
In a world full of false prophets and empty promises, your word is like fire, God nearby!
In a world where words don't have meaning, your word is like fire, God nearby!
We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.
We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

**GATHERING HYMN** 

#314

Longing for Light (Vs 1, 2 & 5)

**KYRIE** 

#695

Change My Heart O God.

(We Begin with "Alleluia" because our confession is also our act of loving thanks to the God who already covers us in grace.)

Change my heart O God, and make it ever new Change my heart O God, May it be like you.

#### **CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)**

God of the ages,
when we face raging fires and imprisoning chains,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we encounter the edge of violence,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we are persecuted and tormented
by the evils of this world,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we have to go about in disguise

because we can't be ourselves, give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we wander in deserts and mountains and hide in caves and holes in the ground,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

Even when we know we may not see the fruit of our labor, even if we can't reach the promised land, give us the faith of our ancestors.

We give thanks that perseverance will one day bear fruit, that we don't run this race alone, and that our ancestors go with us now and always. **Amen.** 

SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

#### **KYRIE**

Change my heart O God, and make it ever new Change my heart O God, May it be like you.

#### **DECLARATION OF GRACE (responsive)**

Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him. That joy is our salvation. His joy is our freedom.

Believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**RESPONSE HYMN** 

**#740** 

Lead Me, Guide Me

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)

The Peace of Christ be with you! And Also, with you! Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Linnea French Bell Solo – "The Ashgrove"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Reading #1...... Jeremiah 23:23–29

Reading #2..... Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Gospel Reading...... Luke 12:49–56

Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE......Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR COMTEMPLATION

CONTEMPLATION HYMN: #69 Here I Am

#### PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### **BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #319 Shout to the North

#### **DISMISSAL** (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE (Please be seated and enjoy the music prepared by our musicians)

August 17th-24th, 2025

Sunday- August 17th, 2025

10:45 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship
Ushers & Greeters...... Jeri Melsa & Marsha Odom
Pianist...... Carol Weber
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins
Reader..... Sandy Perkins

#### Next Sunday- August 24th, 2025

10:45 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

~\*12:00 pm Going Away Celebration for Pastor Mike\*~

Ushers & Greeters......Dan & Laurie Wilson

Pianist.....Carol Weber

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Marsha Odom

### A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

Office Administrator – Anne Kopecky Office: 218-281-4853 Cell: 218-289-5449

E-mail: office@crookstonfirstpres.org

Check out our Website: www.crookstonfirstpres.org

## **Special Announcements**

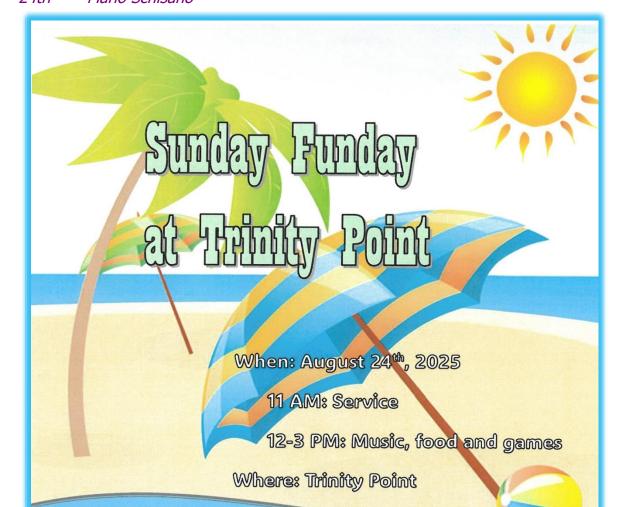


As the needs of the church are changing, beginning August 4<sup>th</sup>, the office will only be open **Monday's from 9am-3pm**. If there is an emergency, you can leave a voicemail and I will check it frequently, or you can contact me at Trinity on Tuesday-Friday @ 218-281-4276. Thank you for your support during this time of change and transition and God Bless

### \* August Birthdays \*

August 6th ~ Lori Folkers August 7th ~ Lori Hoerner August 19th ~ Jeri Melsa 24th ~ Mario Schisano August 25th ~ Linda Morgan August 28th ~ Gordy Terpstra August 29th ~ Dan Wilson

**August** 



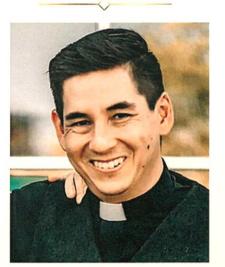


Please Join us for

## A FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR

## PASTOR MICHAEL OZAKI

Come join us at noon for lunch & celebration with Pastor Mike following Sunday worship. All are welcome!!



If you are
interested in
joining us, please
call First
Presbyterian or
Vicki Svedarsky to
RSVP. Thank You