

# TENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Watch live: <https://youtu.be/3bo1MHLfAi4>

## PRELUDE

*Children of the Heavenly Father* - arr. Diane Bish  
Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

## WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

## MINUTE *for* MISSION

*Youth With a Mission* ~ Carol Eliya.

## CALL *to* WORSHIP

Behold the gathering of God's own:

**along with believers and among apostles, drawn together as disciples and doubters,  
we are shoulder to shoulder with shepherds and saints!**

Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses,

**let us run with perseverance the race before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

\*HYMN – *Gather Us In*

## PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

**Faithful God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You call us your beloved people,  
but we do not follow your ways. You planted us as your own vine, but we fail to bear good fruit.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the burden of our sin  
so that we may run the race that you have set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI – HYMN 579

\*PASSING *of the* PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryEllen Castaldo ~ Director of Children and Family Ministries

## PSALTER READING

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 ~ Carol Eliya

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him* - Rowland Pritchard, arr. Joshua Parman  
Joshua LeRose, Tenor *and* Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

*Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him, praise Him angels, in the height. Sun and moon, rejoice before Him,  
praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord for He hath spoken, worlds His mighty voice obeyed. Law  
which never shall be broken for their guidance hath He made. Praise the Lord for He is glorious; never shall  
His promise fail. God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our  
Salvation! Hosts on high, His power proclaim. Heaven and earth and all creation Laud and magnify his name!*

## EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 ~ Carol Eliya

## SERMON

*Put on Your Running Shoes*  
Rev. Bruce Ballantine

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Alleluia!* - Ned Rorem

Joshua LeRose, Tenor *and* Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

CALL to OFFERING

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ,  
drop your offering in the plate on your way out,  
or mail check to the church. Thank you!



PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise, saying:  
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the church. Make us bold to proclaim our faith in Christ,  
who endured the cross for our sake and now sits at the right hand of your throne.

*Silent Prayer*

In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the world. Show your mercy and justice to the nations. Defend the weak and powerless;  
lift up the lowly and the destitute.

May nations beat their swords into plowshares; and may they make war no more.

*Silent Prayer*

In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for our communities. Restore the vineyard you have planted.

Let it not be trampled down, but grow up to bear good fruit.

*Silent Prayer*

In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for loved ones. Protect them with your powerful hand.

Give life to those who call on your name. Let your face shine and save them.

*Silent Prayer*

In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

Strengthen us to run the race that is before us, laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death  
and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

THE SACRAMENT *of* BAPTISM

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the  
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN 498 – *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

BENEDICTION *and* POSTLUDE

*Children's Medley* - Mark Hayes

Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

*Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Leah Olivia Schilling, daughter of Edward and Robin Schilling.*

*We rejoice with Leah and her family on this significant day in her life!*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel flowers are given by Linda Cascardo in honor of the baptism of  
Leah Olivia Schilling.

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Here in This Place

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## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

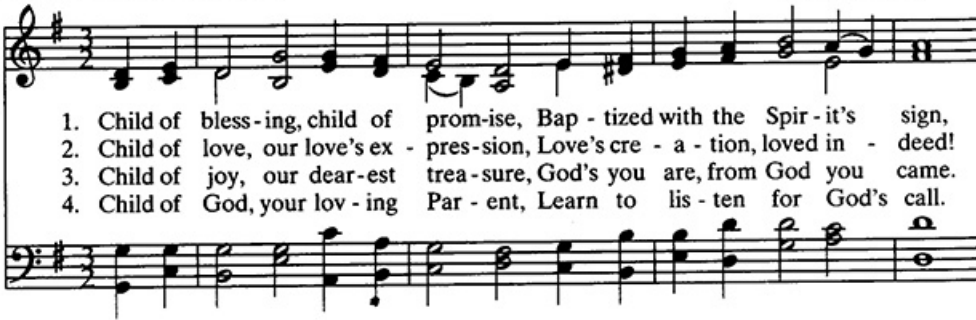
The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# 498 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

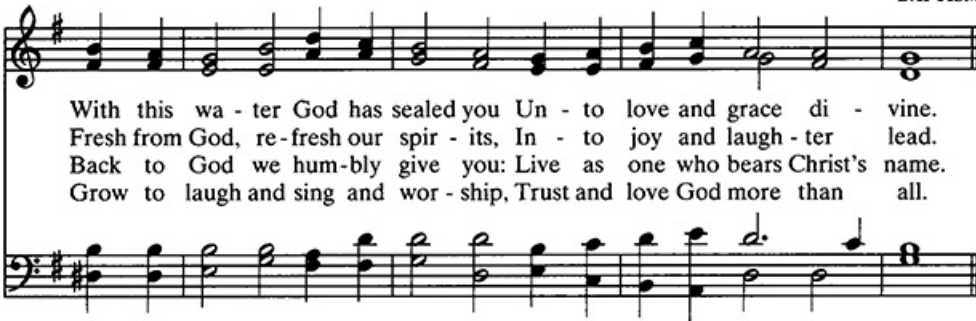
Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

V. Earle Copes, 1959



1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, Bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,  
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres-sion, Love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!  
3. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
4. Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.  
Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir - its, In - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
Back to God we hum-bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, Trust and love God more than all.

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