



**New Utrecht Reformed Church at home  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost, August 2, 2020**

We pray:

Dear Lord, together in our separation we gather to worship you. We gather to praise you. We gather to thank you. We gather to petition you for the many who are in need of healing, comfort and encouragement. We celebrate that we have no God but you, and we are truly grateful that we are a family of faith united by you. Receive our worship with all the love behind it.

We sing:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

We pray our Call to Worship:

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from earth and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

We sing (*How Firm a Foundation*):

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

Our Prayer of Confession (from *Ministry Matters*):

Gracious God, provider of all we need, we are often content to rely on our own devices, our creativity, our cleverness. We congratulate ourselves for our

accomplishments, yet we find that these achievements and acquisitions do not fill the deep hunger inside of us. We long for the Spirit bread you alone can provide. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us receive the blessings you offer, that we may be your bread for the world—blessed, broken for all.

Our Word of Assurance:

Hear the good news. God's mercy is plentiful, and God's grace is abundant.  
Receive the bread of forgiveness and steadfast love.

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):

- Genesis 32:22-31
- Matthew 14:13-21

Our sermon: GENEROSITY

*In thanks for God's Word and God's great work among us,  
we will send our offering to Rita.*

We sing:

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces in the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor thee  
That we fail not man nor thee,

We pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for the honor and joy of joining with you and each other, despite our physical distances. Hear our prayers for all we name who are in need of your healing hand and the inspiration of your Spirit; hear our prayers for our families, friends and neighbors; hear our prayers for our city, our state, our country and the world as we all fight against a common enemy; hear our prayers of gratitude for all who serve, putting themselves at risk for the rest of us. Receive our joyful faith, and thank you for being our Lord, Savior and Comforter; bless us all this day and this week, we pray, until we gather again in the Spirit of worship. In your holy name, Amen.

We pray this Benediction together:

May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty  
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus  
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,  
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.  
Amen.