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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Date: August 2, 2026

Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; *Doxology* (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

M: God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

C: We look to God for nurture in every season.

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

All: We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

Hymn: 374 *Oh for a thousand tongues to sing*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

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.

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Declaration of forgiveness

M. May the Peace of Christ be upon you. **C. And also on you.**

A sharing of the Peace of Christ, followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Hymn: 348 *Tell me the stories of Jesus* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, your Word is bread for our journey. Send your Spirit so that we may know your wisdom and live it out for the sake of Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Lessons: Genesis 32:22-31 (p. 28); Responsive Psalm 145; Matthew 14:13-21 (p. 14)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung response: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sermon: "Fish and Bread"

Hymn: 507 *Break now the bread of life*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward following the Offertory

Prayer of dedication (*stand, if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (*debts, debtors*)

Hymn: 642 *O Master, let me walk with thee*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Kairos Durbha

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Donna Lee Laveck

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki, the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

Mission Moment

When someone has a stable career, they are less likely to move from their place of origin to seek work. That was the case for Eliezer Israel Cortez, a 24-year-old in Nicaragua, who participated in an entrepreneurial skills initiative supported by PWS&D and its partner, INPRHU. Previously, Eliezer repaired clothing with his mother, who taught him how to sew. However, he aspired to be more than a tailor, which pushed him to develop a strong branding strategy focused on personalization and quality. Today, at Israel Tailoring, he designs, makes and sells garments tailored to his customers' preferences. Participating in the entrepreneurial skills program transformed Eliezer's life. No longer at risk of migrating in search of work, he is now well-placed to earn an income from clothes of his own design.