

## Welcome

### Greeting

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's people now and forever. Amen.**

### A Prayer

**Loving God, we welcome your presence with us today.  
Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us.  
Sing with us! Dance among us! Pray with us! Shower  
us with your love! Amen!**

### A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

10:17-27

#### Reader 1:

When Jesus first started on a journey, a man ran up to him, fell to his knees, and asked, "Perfect Teacher, what do I have to do so I can receive eternal life?"

#### Reader 2:

"Why do you call me 'perfect?'" Jesus shot back. "Only God is 'perfect.' You know God's commandments: Don't kill. Don't be unfaithful in marriage. Don't steal. Don't lie about others. Don't cheat. Honor your parents."

#### Reader 1:

"But, teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was a young boy."

#### Reader 2:

As he looked at the man, Jesus felt love for him. So, Jesus said, "There is something else you don't have. Leave here, sell everything you own, and give the money you earn to the poor. You will have treasure with God. Then, come and follow me."

#### Reader 1:

The man's face turned very sad for he was rich. So the man left. Jesus looked around and said to his followers, "It's really hard for the rich to enter God's Kingdom!" Jesus' followers looked surprised by what he said. So, Jesus told

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



### Agape Feast

October 10, 2021

**AGAPE.** (ah-gah-pay)  
A Greek word for "love,"  
meaning an unconditional,  
universal love of God and  
all others.

*This service of prayer,  
reflection, and meal is a  
love offering created  
especially for our families  
with children under the age  
of 12.*

*Weather permitting, the  
parish hall and patio will be  
our place of worship.  
Masks required and  
physical distancing  
practiced.*

#### Host Family

Luhrs/Leemkuil Family

#### Feast Guide

Deacon Jeanie

them again, "Children, it's really hard to enter God's Kingdom. It's easier for a large camel to squeeze through the small eyelet of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's Kingdom."

**Reader 2:**

Now Jesus' followers were really surprised! "Then, who can be saved?" they asked.

**Reader 1:**

Jesus looked right at them and said, "People can't do it by themselves, only God can do it. For 'everything is possible with God!'"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection / Response**

What word stood out to you? What else did you notice?

**A Creed**

**We believe in God above. We believe in Jesus' love. We believe the Spirit, too, comes to teach us what to do. We believe that we may be true and loving, Lord, like you. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Weather permitting – write / draw your prayers with chalk on patio*

*What do we thank God for today?*

*Whom or what do we pray for today?*

***Protect, O God, the vulnerable. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Comfort the lonely. Make safe what is dangerous. And make us instruments of your peace. Make us your hands and feet in the world, sharing your love with everyone we meet.***

**Minute for Mission / Helping Our Neighbors and Each Other**

**Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Agape Feast Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, as your Spirit moved upon the face of the waters, you created the world and called it good. As you breathed life into human beings, you made each of us in your image.

God said, "Let there be light."  
**And there was.**

God said, "You are my people and I am your God."  
**And a promise was made.**

God said, "I will send you my son."  
**And Jesus came.**

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul. And love your neighbor as yourself."  
**And we became his followers.**

Jesus said, "Share in the feast. Share God's love. Do this to remember me."  
**And we were fed.**

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all the nations. Teaching and healing and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And know I will always be with you."  
**And we were empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

**Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of food and drink. Fill us with your light and goodness. Help us to be your beloved in the world. All this we ask through your son Jesus. AMEN.**

As Jesus teaches us, we pray:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Feast**

When we share in this feast, we share in God's love.  
**Help us, God, to be your beloved in the world.**

*The feast is shared*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, thank you for loving us and for giving us food for our bodies and our souls. In everything we do this week, help us to remember to love you, to love other people as we should, to be good caretakers of each other and your creation, and to do the things that you hope for us to do. Amen.

## The Blessing

May God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. **Amen.**

## Stewardship Message

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! We love and serve the Lord when we go into the world as it is and do our work to bring God's kingdom into our here and now. So let us go forth to be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus.

**We will, with God's help. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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An abundance of  
CURED, ORGANIC  
**GARLIC**  
is available!

Faith + Grace Garden Green House  
Sundays in October  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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Or  
[sttimothyiowa.org/giving/](http://sttimothyiowa.org/giving/)

Following the Agape Feast, we will be harvesting produce in the garden for 30 minutes. Please dress appropriately.

\*Silver Cord hours available!

Gospel reading from [www.word-sunday.com](http://www.word-sunday.com)