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**Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost
August 17, 2025**

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #433 We gather together

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Psalm: Psalm 82 BCP: Page 705-706

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal #524 I love thy kingdom, Lord

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,

mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Offertory Anthem: Hymnal #431 The stars declare His glory

Communion Hymn

**Hymn #1: Hymnal #490 I want to walk as a child of the
light**

Hymn #2: Hymnal #335 I am the bread of life

**Processional Hymn: Hymnal #691 My faith looks up to
Thee**

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Very Reverend Gail Bernthal, Dean

Preacher: The Reverend Deacon Nancy Key

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeni-Ann Kren & Katharine Nelson

Guest Musicians: Rebecca Messer

Readers: Lisa Brew & Kim Leslie

Counters: Aaron Schuelke & Carlos Jackez

CATHEDRAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Formation Series - Spiritual Resiliency:** Join Shar Reagan and Deacon Nancy as we continue our Spiritual Resiliency book study on Monday nights, 6:30-8pm in the Fireside Room. In Part Two, we will continue with Rohr's book, The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage.
- **Produce Market:** Our produce market happens on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next one is on Tuesday, August 19th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. All who are in need are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Deacon Nancy or email admin@stjamesfresno.org.
- **Fiber Art's Sew Days:** All Are Welcome! Happening every Wednesday and 4th Saturday of the month. In the Education Wing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Formation Series - Sunday Morning Scripture Reflection:** Please be advised that Scripture Reflection meets at 8:50 a.m. in the Fireside room. All are welcome to join.
- **Pastoral Care:** St. James offers pastoral care to anyone in need. If you, or someone you know needs pastoral care, please call the office at 559-439-5011 Ext. 704.
- **Christmas Market Workshops:** Join us as we begin our workshops to prepare for this year's Cathedral Christmas Market. All are welcome to join in no experience is needed! Workshops will take place in the new Arts & Education Wing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Sunday, August 17, 2025: Wooden Ornaments (Arts & Education Wing from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

- Sunday, August 24, 2025: Wrapped Wood Ornaments & Gnome Ornaments