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where people encounter God's generosity
and healing presence.

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Pastor Jim Coyl

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship - (Inspired by Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

Leader: O Lord, how long shall we cry for help, and You will not listen?

People: Though the world is filled with violence and injustice, we bring our cries before You.

Leader: We stand at our watch-post, waiting to see what You will say.

People: We will listen for Your word, trusting that Your vision still speaks.

Leader: For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it will not delay.

People: Though it linger, we will wait for it—

All: For the righteous live by faith. Come, let us worship the Lord!

Music

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5-10 Faith the size of a mustard seed

17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

17:6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

17:7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

17:8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

17:9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

17:10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Music

Sermon: "Under the Mulberry Tree"

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Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer: 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 thou art the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Music

Benediction

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Faith and the Posture of a Servant

A reflection on Luke 17:5–10

When the disciples cry, "Increase our faith!" Jesus replies that even faith as small as a mustard seed can do the impossible. Author, Dallas Willard reminds

us that faith is not a spiritual achievement, but a steady trust that moves us to act with God. Real faith grows through practice—through simple obedience in daily life.

Jesus' parable of the servant teaches that our service isn't about earning favor, but living as willing participants in God's kingdom. Grace invites us to serve with humility and joy.

We don't need more faith—only to live the faith we already have. Even a mustard seed's trust is enough for God to work wonders.

Prayer:

Lord, help us to trust You in the small things. Teach us to serve with joy, to walk in humble faith, and to see Your power at work in our daily obedience. Amen.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, October 06, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:16-22; James 1:2-11;

Tuesday, October 07, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 137; Lamentations 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21;

Wednesday, October 08, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 137; Lamentations 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24;

Thursday, October 09, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 25:1-14; 2 Timothy 1:13-18;

Friday, October 10, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 27:1-22; 2 Timothy 2:1-7;

Saturday, October 11, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 28:1-17; Luke 5:12-16;

“The Gift of Being a Small Church”

Sermon Series - October 19 and 26

In a world that celebrates “bigger is better,” it’s easy for smaller congregations to wonder if they matter. But Scripture reminds us that God delights in small, faithful communities—churches where everyone is known by name, where prayer and friendship run deep, and where ministry happens through relationships, not programs.

In this brief sermon series, we’ll reflect together on what it means to be an excellent small church—one that is not defined by numbers, but by faithfulness, love, and stewardship. We’ll look to the Apostle Paul’s letters, written to small yet vibrant communities, and discover how their example speaks powerfully to us today.

In our own congregation, we see these same marks of excellence—hospitality, generosity, and joyful service. We are a people who show up for one another, who support our community partners, and who open our doors for the good of our neighbors. In so many ways, God has already given us all that we need to be the church He’s called us to be.

This series is an invitation to gratitude and imagination—to celebrate who we are, to name what God has entrusted to us, and to dream faithfully about how we can continue to serve with joy. As we listen together, we may also discern how to care wisely for our resources—our people, our ministries, and our place—so that we remain a blessing for years to come.

Join us for this encouraging series as we rediscover the beauty and strength of being small and holy, and as we renew our commitment to be faithful stewards of all that God has given.

Ways to Give!

As faithful stewards of God’s blessings, we are called to give joyfully and generously. Your gifts help support the mission, ministries, and outreach of our church.

1. In-Person Giving - Please make checks payable to: “The Beach Church”

2. Online Giving - Visit our church website: thebeachchurch.com and click on the “Give” button. You can set up one-time or recurring donations

3. Text-to-Give - Simply text the word "GIVE" to 850.787.9273

Complete giving information and credit/debit card details. Once complete, the information is securely saved for future gifts.

4. Automatic Bank Transfers - Set up a recurring donation through your bank's bill-pay service.

5. Legacy and Planned Giving - Consider leaving a lasting legacy by including the church in your estate planning.

Are you older than 70 1/2? Make Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA for possible tax benefits. Age 73? Use QCDs to satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) (again, with possible tax benefits).

6. Zelle - Zelle users can send funds to Pensacola Beach Community United.