

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.
~ John Calvin

PRELUDE Prelude from Solo Cello Suite No. 1 J. S. Bach
Patricia Santos, cello

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *Jazzy Alleluia* Joyful Noise Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters,

All: and God said “Unbind creation and let her out!” and God declared it to be Good.

One: God said, “let there be light” and called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.”

All: God spoke the word to call the land from the water, creating deep lakes and high hills, and in God’s eyes they were Good.

One: God’s word called to life the soybean and the milking cow, the robin and the earthworm,

All: the honeybee and the gray wolf, the millipede and the mollusk, and God’s heart saw them to be Good.

One: Then God spoke a final time, making creatures who carry the divine image: us.

All: Forming humans by holy word, male and female together, to tend and steward all that God had made.

One: And God saw that it was all Very Good.

All: And God declared that it is all Very Good.

One: On the seventh day, God rested.

All: And on this seventh day, we come to worship and remember our role as partners in creation.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Good and Gracious God, Source of the evolving Universe, Source of all Life, all creation is charged with your Divine Energy. Ignite your Spark within us, that we may know ourselves as truly human and holy, irrevocably part of the Web of Life. You carefully created each star and every flower, each drop of water and every person, each and every atom, down to its very electrons. Our minds alone cannot fathom such splendor. Forgive us, when our ignorance and insecurities blind us to your Thumbprint writ large, deafen us to the sacred space between two heartbeats, prompt us in arrogance to demand and dominate, or numb us to the destruction we’ve caused; instead may we walk in right relationship with your creation, nurtured by your love, may we learn to live in gratitude and peace.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We shout Hosanna with the stones, we clap our hands with the trees! For in God's abundant love and holy healing we are forgiven and made new!

All: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (As we pass the peace, let us not shake hands, but instead wave, use jazz hands, peace signs and other peaceful gestures.)

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

On Wings of Song

Mendelssohn
Patricia Santos, cello

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Summer Day”

Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What A Wonderful World

Armstrong
Patricia Santos, Cello

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Walk By Faith

Germonds Choir

POSTLUDE

Banish Misfortune traditional

Patricia Santos, Cello

*All who are able please stand.

***Latecomers seat