

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“The whole reason why we pray is to be united into the vision and contemplation of God to whom we pray.”
~Julian of Norwich

PRELUDE *How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them* G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *The Lone, Wild Bird* arr. David Johnson
Julie Schmidt, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

All: We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

One: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

All: We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

One: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

All: We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

*HYMN *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* GG: 687

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 85, pg. 543

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, we confess to you that we are afraid. We are afraid of suffering and so we push people away. We are afraid of loss, and so we act selfishly. We feel anxiety for

the future and live each day attempting to manage and control whatever tomorrow might bring. But, you have told us to let go of our fears; you have invited us to live in your mystery and promise, but we struggle to be a people who can live with paradox and complexity. Forgive us our lack of courage. Forgive us for our mistrust. Forgive us when we fail to love and welcome. You have called us. We have said we would follow. Teach us to walk in Jesus' footsteps. Give us a heart for your people.

(A time of silent confession)
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: What has God done to us—shown mercy! What has God done for us—forgiven us! This is the good news for us.

All: We will not boast, for it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung) *God is So Good*, vs. 1, 3 GG: 658
God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me;
God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 each other.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Lord is My Shepherd* David Schack
Julie Schmidt, soloist

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

GG: 39

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-13, pg. 72

*All who are able please stand.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Prayer”

Elizabeth Bostwick

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sonata in D Minor

Domenico Scarlatti

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

*HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GG: 475

*BENEDICTION