

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Some people seem to understand this - that life and change take time - but I am not one of those people.*  
~Anne Lamott

PRELUDE *Air* Samuel Wesley

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

**All: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.**

One: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**All: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.**

\*HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* GG:667

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-11, pg. 201

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you, on others, on ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God.

**All: Alleluia, 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 *Poor Wayfaring Stranger*  
Anneka Goldberg, Temperance Goldberg – soloists; Karen Ostertag, guitar

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* GG:825

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:20-32, pg. 14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Arguing with God" Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Canzonet*

Christian Gottlob Needed

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

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

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

GG: 852

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Henry Herson

\*All who are able please stand.