

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.*

~ Mother Teresa

PRELUDE

*God Walks Beside Me*

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

**All: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.**

One: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

**All: The God of silence and presence knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.**

One: Who can count the thoughts of God?

**All: They are more than all the sands of the desert.**

One: All of our comings and goings, our sitting and rising, we belong to the Lord of creation.

**All: We come today with praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous works of the living God.**

\*HYMN

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

GG:20

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, pg. 577

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to high standards, and we continuously fall short.**

**You tell us to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile; to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Not only do we fail to comply with these commands, we find them so outlandish that we don't even try to live up to them. Forgive us for our failures and for our fatigue; for our stubbornness and for our sin. Forgive us when we lose our sense of awe with all your hand has wrought, and when we shy from the power of your presence. Hear us now as we continue to confess our sins in silence...**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We are fearfully and wonderfully made! We are Children of God, claimed and cherished.

**All: We are seen - even our shortcomings and failings are known, and yet we are forgiven and held all the more dear by the God of grace and love.**

\*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

*Were You There*, GG: 228

arr. Fred Bock

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

GG:450

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:4-7, pg. 198

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Lectio Divina: Listening for God’s Word to You”

Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Tranquil and Expressive*

Theodor Kirchner

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

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

GG: 817

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Light of the World*

Edward Broughton

\*All who are able please stand.