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July 11, 2021 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

"No New Testament letter is written apart from the problems of the church." ~ Karl Barth

PRELUDE "He Leadeth Me" Emma Lou Diemer

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place, with these people, we come to worship the living God.

In you, O God, we hope; in you, Creator of love, we live.

Here in this sacred time, in these very moments, we are invited to a time of Joy.

In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice; in you, dear Brother, grace is as near as your heart.

Here on this day of gentleness and beauty, we are filled with the peace of the Holy Spirit.

In you, O Spirit, we find our path; in you, Teacher of hope, we learn to serve.

Let us worship our God, the Three in One.

SUMMER HYMN SING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to be come together in Christ, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Preoccupied with our opinions, we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy knowing you are near. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As we are forgiven by God, we can begin to reflect on all those ways in which we can live justly, act honorably, love completely. This is indeed good news for us.

At the Wedding Feast, we are fed with grace, and nourished with joy, so we may go and bring hope and peace to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN No. 447 "We Are Forgiven" WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC Music Selection sung by Sarah Solie

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Philippians 2:19-30, 4:2-4*

SERMON "Heroes of Our Journey" Rev. William Schram

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LAUDES DOMINI

HYMN No. 667, St. 1, 3, 4

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike to work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

BENEDICTION

Please greet your fellow worshippers with a wave as you exit the sanctuary.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Susan Jones
Paul Salierno, Cantor & Sarah Solie, Soloist
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers