



August 18, 2024  
 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER

### CENTERING

Arvina Dalaya Gadre, Liturgist

### PRELUDE

#### *My Lord, What a Morning*

Spiritual

Arr.: Rollo A. Dilworth, b. 1970

Publisher: Colla Voce

Chloe & Grace Bartlow and Madeleine & Suzanne Smedberg, Voices

Ann Bartlow, Piano

### WELCOME

Brian Jones

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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| ONE: | In deep gratitude we come to worship God.  |
| ALL: | <b>We recognize God as the source of all goodness.</b>   |
| ONE: | All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:  |
| ALL: | <b>Perceiving good and evil,<br/>       Serving with a joyful heart,<br/>       Teaching from God's word,<br/>       Encouraging the saints,<br/>       Generously sharing from our own abundance,<br/>       Mercifully responding to others.</b> |

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| ONE: | We come with grateful hearts, not for things,                         |
| ALL: | <b>but for who God is and how God has gifted each of us uniquely.</b> |
| ONE: | We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.                   |
| ALL: | <b>Let us worship together now!<br/>Amen.</b>                         |

## WORD

### ANTHEM

#### *Could It Be Magic*

Composer: Barry Manilow

Publisher: Careers-BMG Music Publishing

David Cope, Soloist

Dr. Michael Wu, Piano

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janice Harmon, Retired Local Pastor

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

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| ONE: | God of the clean and the unclean,  |
| ALL: | <b>we too easily think we can see from your point of view.</b>                               |
| ONE: | We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt,   |
| ALL: | <b>all the while hiding ourselves<br/>for fear we too would be found wanting.</b>            |
| ONE: | We think we are justified  |
| ALL: | <b>because we are made holy by your love,<br/>and we assume holiness means more like us.</b> |
| ONE: | We forget, or never really knew,   |
| ALL: | <b>that all you touch is holy,<br/>and that you created all that is.</b>                     |

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| ONE: | So when we exclude,  |
| ALL: | <b>we exclude you.</b>   |
| ONE: | When we hold grudges,  |
| ALL: | <b>We hate you.</b>  |
| ONE: | When we show contempt,   |
| ALL: | <b>we are contemptuous of those you love.</b><br><br><b>May we be made holy in truth,<br/>loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.</b><br><br><b>Amen.</b>   |
| ONE: | Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. |
| ALL: | <b>Alleluia! Amen.</b>   |

## PASSING THE PEACE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 1; 2:1-2

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## MESSAGE: “Fish Tales to Fresh Starts: Embracing Encouragement and Second Chances”

Janice Harmon, Retired Local Pastor

## \*HYMN #611

### *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Words: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

Music: C.F. Witt, 1715; Adapt.: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1861

Publisher: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

Congregation  
Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

## WONDER

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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## WHAT NOW

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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#### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #361

##### *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

Music: Thomas Hastings, 1830

Congregation

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

### SENDING FORTH

Janice Harmon, Retired Local Pastor

## POSTLUDE

### **Praeludium I in C Minor, Op. 37, No. 1**

Composer: Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, 1809-1847

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given this Sunday by Bruce Werber in loving memory of his parents, William W. Werber and Ailcey J. Werber.

## SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for August: Jane Rall and Luisa Watts

Audio Visual Volunteers: Aaron Dowd, Chuck Spencer and Jason Spriggs

Chat Room Host: Linda Pickle

Congregational Welcome: Brian Jones

Fellowship Host: Denise and Jeff Bryant

Liturgist: Arvina Dalaya Gadre

Nursery Staff: Jane Rall and Tessa Ricketts

Sunday School Teachers: Tamara James-Fish, Dawn Adair Johnson and Sue Walters

Welcome Team: Carol Dismukes and Bill Maas

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