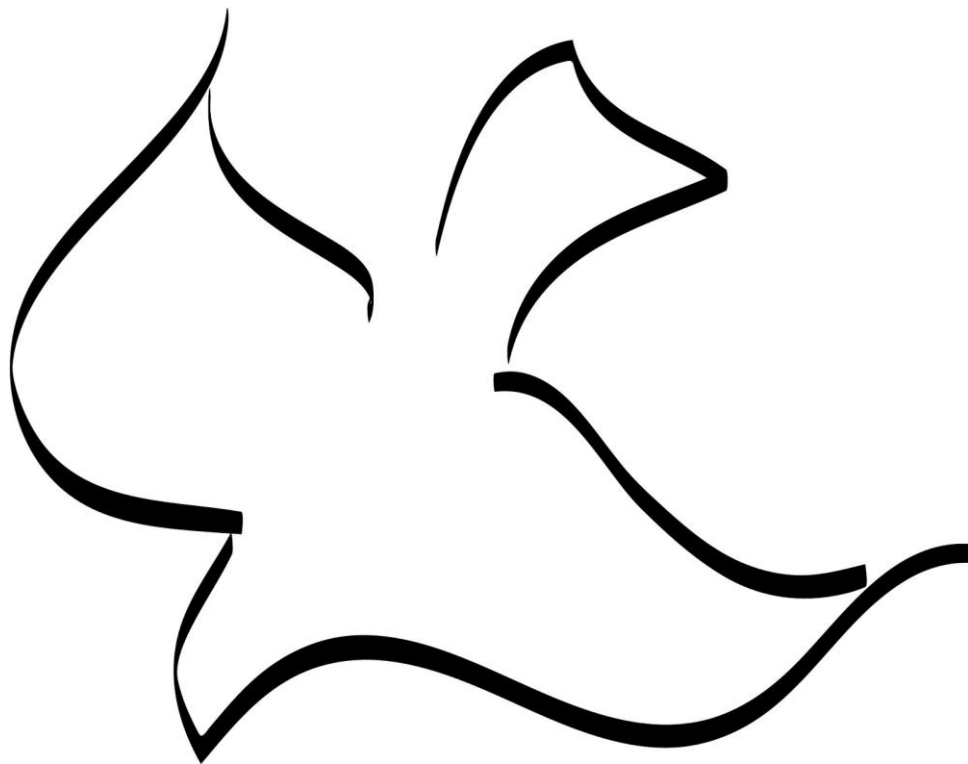


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Our Vision Statement

“To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God’s love.”

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude

Trio

Julius Reubke

(1834-1858)

En forme de canon

Théodore Salomé

(1834-1896)

Processional

Vincenzo Petrali

(1832-1889)

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

***Doxology** - all to sing

No. 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,

People: for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God’s holy place?

People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

Leader: Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

People: O God, we seek your face!

Leader: Let us worship God with gladness.

***Opening Hymn** “[From All That Dwell Below the Skies](#)”

***Call to Confession**

Leader: It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out your call. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse. We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world. Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace. Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. God's grace and mercy are never ending. This is good news!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music

In The Garden

C. Austin Miles
Mark Hayes, arr.
(born 1953)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated)

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

(Children may be dismissed to Sunday School as we sing)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[Mark 6:14-29](#) (NRSV)

Sermon

"Prophets of Old"

in its place

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn

["Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"](#)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Amazing Grace

Virginia Harmony (1831)

Diane Bish, arr.

(born 1941)

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for July 21, 2024

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56