

Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Prelude *Allegro and Andante in A Major* George Frideric Handel

Call to Worship

Come away from the burdens of the world,
Find rest in Jesus, and be renewed in the Spirit.
Come away from the judgments of this world,
Find freedom in Christ, and hope of new life now.
Come away from the way of sin in this world,
Love God, love your neighbor, and seek forgiveness.
Come, let us worship God, who leads us into new life.

*Hymn 459 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

*Facing Our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love; for we offer this in Jesus' Name.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

*Kyrie (Hymn 703 v.3) *Jesus, thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

**O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.**

(*All who are able may stand.)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 581) *Gloria Patri* William Greatorex
**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.**

PROCLAMATION

Message for Children *This is Where Children Belong* James Ritchie



This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9 Pew Bible, NT page 13
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed Betty Connette

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (pg. 35 in front of hymnal)

*Hymn 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* HALL

Sharing Pastoral Concerns and Joys

Prayers of the People and 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.

Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Air* George Frideric Handel

*Doxology (Hymn 607) OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Tuba Tune* C. S. Lang

Worship Notes

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