



## Second Sunday

## After Pentecost

### GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

#### Prelude

#### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship

Leader: When we are down,

**People: God lifts us up.**

Leader: When we are proud,

**People: God grants us humility.**

Leader: When we are lost,

**People: God searches until we are found.**

Leader: When we gather to worship,

**People: We know we are not alone, for God is always present with us.**

#### Hymn #458

#### Earth and All Stars

#### Invitation to Confession (**Do not print in bulletin**)

Called into relationship, created as stewards of all creation, we know how often we have sunk to depths of faithless living. We lack the stamina to follow God's law. Yet, God looks into our souls with love. Let us join in prayer to the One who does not disappoint us.

#### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty One, we confess that we are exhausted. We are so tired of violence. So tired of being afraid. The various traumas we have experienced continue to cloud our minds, our hearts, our souls, that we are weary. We long for You, O God, and we long for healing and rest and renewal. Remind us that our rest and our hope is in You, and not in the systems and structures of this world. Call us into Your beloved community, where in sharing and working with others, we find our own renewal and rest. Call us into Your way, Your truth, and Your life ...**

*(silent meditation)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: God’s love has been poured out for us, and we know God’s love through the Holy Spirit, and the life of Christ. We are each a beloved child of God – forgiven and loved and an integral part of God’s beloved community.

**People: We are freed in Christ and will share the Grace of the Good News of the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Sharing Christ’s Peace**

Leader: Hear the good news, dear friends. God invites us into loving relationship. We are called sisters and brothers of Jesus, who have been blessed, forgiven, transformed.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Leader: Let us share that Peace with one another.

**Congregational Response #579 Gloria Patri**

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 22: 32-40**

**Music for Meditation**

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 20: 3-11**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Aaron D. Frank**

**TO RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #230**

**This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**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.*

**Offering of Our Gifts**

The ministry of the church is sustained through the faith, dedication, and the gifts of the community of believers and friends. As you are able, we ask that you to contribute to the ministry of the church through the online giving portal or by US Mail, or by placing your gift in the offering plate. Your support renews God's work in serving the needs of our neighbors.

**Offertory****Doxology**

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**Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**

**We could be the healing for those who suffer; we could be the strength for those who long to endure; we could be the hope for those buffeted by the world, and so, we offer ourselves, as well as our gifts, in hopes that you will bless others who are in your heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn #420, v. 1, 3, 5****God of Grace and God of Glory****Benediction**

Go now to love and to serve the Lord; Greeting everyone as neighbor, Seeking justice for the oppressed; Offering kindness to those rejected by the world; Humbly serving all of God's creation. Amen.

**Congregational Response***Let The Be Peace***Postlude**