

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 2021

9:30 a.m.

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*“The place God calls you to is where your deep gladness  
and the world’s deep hunger meet.” ~ Frederick Buechner*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

PRELUDE Toni DiCapua  
*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*...arr. John Carter  
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 466  
*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please pray silently, as the worship leader prays on our behalf):

**Loving God, we confess that often we feel inadequate and unimportant when it comes to serving You. We can’t picture how You could use someone like us to make a difference in the world today. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to keep listening for Your personal call to each one of us. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Those who wish may stand.

## ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*All the Way*...Richard Kleiman, arr. L. Allen  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
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## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Pg. 423  
1 Samuel 3:1-18

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Anne Swanson  
“Keep on Listening”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 426  
*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*  
(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CLOSING HYMN No. 415  
*Come, Labor On*  
(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE  
*Go Now in Peace* ... Don Besig  
(Please listen as the Benediction Response is sung on our behalf.)

### POSTLUDE