

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

May 21, 2023

9:30 a.m.

*“The grounded God is a God in relationship with space and time
as the love that connects and creates all things,
known in and with the world.”*

Grounded, by Diana Butler Bass

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mollie Wakeman

Reflections on the Spirit... arr. Joel Raney

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Lou Pennebaker

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

All: to the rising of this life itself.

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

All: the hand of God between us and each hand.

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

All: The love of Christ between us and each love.

One: Beloved of the lost and those who have nothing,

All: Draw us into your shelter and to your table.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* Those who wish may stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

One: From before the world began and after the end of eternity, you are God.

From the sea bursting from its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God.

In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten corners of our hearts, you are God.

All: You are our God, and we bless you.

*Please say at the indicated points by the leader,
“We need you, God.”*

(silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Listen, for the God who created us says,
“Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: you are mine.”
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Those who wish may stand.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Michele Johnson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139:1-12

pg. 974

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

In This Very Room... Ron and Carol Harris

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:1-11

pg. 1690

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Renée Rico

“Where Is God?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 248

You Are Before Me, Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN

No. 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns, versus 1, 2 and 4

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Inside Cover of Hymnal

Go Now in Peace

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Mollie Wakeman

God is Present Everywhere... Handel/Pedersen

* Those who wish may stand.