

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 11, 2023

9:30 a.m.

“As a family of faith, the creation story grounds us in goodness.”

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Bobbi Hunter

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring... J.S. Bach

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: We are from north and south.

People: We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

Leader: We are from this city and from others far away.

People: We are from big families and dinners made for one.

Leader: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

People: We are from hot summers and cold winters.

Leader: We are from kitchens with passed down recipes, and front porches with old, familiar swings.

**People: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.
We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.**

Leader: Today we are together.

People: Holy God, gather us in.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

* Those who wish may stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We have been created for goodness by You, Creating God, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer only judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us.

But You have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of Yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With Your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of Your mercy and of our love for them in every moment. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

People: The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: the Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives.

Leader: 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Genesis 2:4b-15

Tunde Olagbaju
pg. 3

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

In Thee I Trust... Swedish, arr. Leland B. Sateren
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
John 1:1-9

pg. 1645

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Renée Rico

“Where are you from?”

1st in the Series “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

(See hymn print out)

A Covenant of Grace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN

No. 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Inside Cover of Hymnal

Go Now in Peace... Don Besig

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Bobbi Hunter

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing... Paul Manz

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