

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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*“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Matt 11:28*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Toni DiCapua

*America the Beautiful...* Samuel Ward, arr. Joel Raney  
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*At the indicated moment, you are invited to take two minutes to introduce yourself to someone around you and to share one thing that has brought you deep joy this week so that we might begin our service with joy, gratitude, and connection.*

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Gracious God, sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess. This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships. We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, that we overstep the line.**

**Forgive us for assuming the place You fill. Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world. Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.**

\* Those who wish may stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)... continued

**You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.  
Teach us how to ask, “What do you need?” Teach us  
how to point to You. Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting—you are forgiven.  
God knows your desire and your intent.  
God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace.  
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: Every day is a new day for love.  
We are claimed. We are forgiven.  
We are invited into relationship.  
Thanks be to God for growth and grace that  
know no end.**

Leader: Friends, believe in 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

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

HYMN

*Spirit of the Living God*

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Job 2:11-13

Melissa Seaton

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## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD ... continued**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING  
2 Timothy 4:9-18

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Renée Rico

**“What do you need?”**

*4<sup>th</sup> in the Series “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...”*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

*Apostles' Creed*

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\* HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

No. 513

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation to the Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*The Bread and Cup Shared*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* SINGING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

See Insert

\* CLOSING HYMN

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

No. 564

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go Now in Peace... Don Besig*

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Fantasia... Richard Purvis*

Toni DiCapua

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