

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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*"I understand that God shows no partiality." Acts 10:34*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

PIANO PRELUDE

Toni DiCapua

*Amazing Grace...* Carrell and Clayton's *Virginia Harmony*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lou Pennebaker

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

No.461

*God Is Here!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

**Holy God, we are naturals when it comes to stalling out. We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher.**

**Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter. Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top.**

**Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. With hope and honesty we pray,**

**Amen.**

\* Those who wish may stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith, we are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau.  
I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-22

Sue Goodnow

pg. 411

ANTHEM

*Pass It On...* Kurt Kaiser  
Toni DiCapua, accompanist

Summer Singers

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10

pg. 1708

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**“Where do we go from here?”**  
*5<sup>h</sup> in the Series “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...”*

Rev. Renée Rico

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

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 439  
*In Christ There is No East or West*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\* CLOSING HYMN No. 485  
*To God Be the Glory*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Cover of Hymnal  
*Go Now in Peace...* Don Besig

PIANO POSTLUDE Toni DiCapua  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name...* Oliver Holden

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