

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Reflections on I've Been Meaning to Ask and Wet N' Wild Wednesdays

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

PIANO PRELUDE

Toni DiCapua

We Gather Together... Netherlands Folk Melody
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: All you heavenly bodies, sun, moon and stars,
All you earthly weathers, wind, rain and
thunder,

People: Worship and praise your maker!

Leader: Mountains and high hills, forest and tall trees,
Countless flowers and plants, waterfall and
streams,

People: Worship and praise your maker!

Leader: Whales beneath of seas, fish that swim
everywhere

All creatures that crawl and fly,

People: Worship and praise your maker!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Leader: God of life, you are the source of all goodness
and the satisfaction of all our desires.
Our understanding of you is small;

People: Increase it.

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* Those who wish may stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively) ... continued

Leader: Our desire to do your will is weak;

People: Enliven it.

Leader: The seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit;

People: Ripen it.

But first, create in us clean hearts, as, in your sight, we unburden ourselves, of guilt, of anger, of fear, of pride, or hardness of heart, and of weakness of intention.

(Silent prayer of confession)

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

REFLECTIONS FROM WET N' WILD

* Those who wish may stand.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE WORD THROUGH SCRIPTURE, POETRY,
REFLECTION AND SONG

Readers: Lou Pennebaker, Faye Wilson, Gary Calame

Refrain: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God, and His
righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Alleluia!*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* SPECIAL MUSIC Mollie Wakeman/Toni DiCapua
What a Friend We Have in Jesus Piano Duet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN No. 275
God of Our Life

* BENEDICTION

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

PIANO DUET POSTLUDE Mollie Wakeman/Toni DiCapua
This Little Light of Mine... arr. Joel Raney

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