

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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*“There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens.”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

PIANO PRELUDE

Mollie Wakeman

*Song without Words Op.19 No. 1... Felix Mendelssohn*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Praise be to God,

**People: Creator of time and space!**

Leader: Who has set eternity in the human heart.

**People: Who gives us today, in which we can be happy  
and do good.**

Leader: Today, in which we can eat and drink and find  
satisfaction.

**People: Today, which is a gift from God.**

**Let us worship the One who makes everything  
beautiful in its time.**

Leader: For everything God does will endure forever.

**People: Forever and ever. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 469

*Morning Has Broken!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we  
have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind;  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore Your  
commandments, stray from Your way, and follow other  
Gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to  
new life that we may serve You faithfully and give honor  
to Your holy name.**

\* Those who wish may stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the God who loves all invites all to repent. We are invited to receive forgiveness to allow us to travel on another path, with more love, more courage, and a bigger vision.

**People: In Christ we pray, 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**

SOLO

Bob Kraut

*Through It All...* Andrae Crouch  
Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Melissa Seaton

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Renée Rico

**“A Time for Everything Under Heaven”**

*Part 1, For Everything There is a Season*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 391  
*Take My Life— vs. 1, 2 and 6*
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- \* CLOSING HYMN No. 276  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness*
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Cover of Hymnal  
*Go Now in Peace... Don Besig*
- ORGAN POSTLUDE Mollie Wakeman  
*The Fifers... Jean Francois Dandrieu*

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