

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE Bobbi Hunter
Shall We Gather at the River... Sam Batt Owens

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Lou Pennebaker
Leader: Way beyond all journeying,
Truth behind all mystery
Life within all living:
People: We praise You.
Leader: Salve for every soreness,
Mender of every brokenness,
Midwife for a better future:
People: We praise You.
Leader: Maker, redeemer
Confessor, companion,
Befriender, inspirer,
God beyond all names:
People: We praise You.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 220
All People That on Earth Do Dwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
**Holy One, You are present in the pain behind the tears,
the laughter in the eyes, the yearning in the heart. All
these You share, yet Your gift to us is much more. So,
open us up, Lord, we whose lives are locked, whose
thoughts are well rehearsed, whose prayer is predictable.
Open us up to depths we have not explored, truths we
have avoided, paths we have not followed, beauty we have
yet to admire. We pray this in the name of Jesus, in whom
all things are held together, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Sue Goodnow
John 10:1-10 pg. 1666

ANTHEM Summer Singers
Share His Love... William J. Reynolds
Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READING pg. 1044
Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Renée Rico
“Enjoy with a Merry Heart!”
Part 5, For Everything There is a Season

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 492
Baptized in Water

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN No. 368
I’ve Got Peace Like a River

* BENEDICTION

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE Bobbi Hunter
All People That on Earth Do Dwell... E. Power Biggs