

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023
9:30 a.m.

“Parables are the most subversive literary forms, whose goal is to undermine the world in which they are spoken.” John Dominic Crossan

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE Bobbi Hunter
Open My Eyes, That I may See... Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Lou Pennebaker
Leader: May the Strength of God guide us.
People: May the Power of God preserve us.
Leader: May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
People: May the Hand of God protect us.
Leader: May the Way of God direct us.
People: May the Shield of God defend us.
Leader: May the Angels of God guard us
People: Against the snares of the evil one.
Leader: May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
**People: May Thy Grace, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.**
Adapted from a prayer by St. Patrick

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 292
All Beautiful the March of Days

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 Helen Fortner
Matthew 20:1-16 pg. 1529

SOLO Carolyn Olagbaju
I’ll Tell the World That I’m a Christian... Baynard L. Fox
Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

THE WORD INTERPRETED
“The Laborers in the Vineyard” -skit
Narrator- *Lou Pennebaker*
Landowner- *Toni DiCapua*
Workers- *Bob & Jane Kraut*
Renée Rico & Mollie Wakeman
Conrad & Anne Milner

Adapted from a script by Kathy Applebee

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Renée Rico
“What is a Fair Wage in the Kingdom?”
Short Stories by Jesus, Part 2

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A CONTEMPORARY READING Jane Kraut
“The Sundowner’s Psalm” *Edward Hays*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 324
Open My Eyes That I May See

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 No. 553

For the Fruit of All Creation

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Cover of Hymnal

Go Now in Peace... Don Besig

ORGAN POSTLUDE Bobbi Hunter

They'll Know We Are Christians... Wilbur Held