

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Bobbi Hunter

*All Creatures of Our God and King ...* Paul Manz

**Call to Worship** (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:

**People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: We are warmed by the sun;

the rain cleanses all creation:

**People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: We watch the moon light up the night,

we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

**People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · All Creatures of Our God and King  
No. 455

**Prayer of Confession** (responsively)

Leader: Gracious God, if we came to your house, we would find the door open because there are no closing hours for the hospitality of heaven.

**People: If we came to your house, we would hear many accents, ours just one among them, for there is no favored nation in the commonwealth of Heaven.**

Leader: If we came to your house, we would see people who never thought they would be allowed in, had entrance been by merit rather than by your glorious invitation.

**People: So, as we gather in Jesus' name, let the characteristics you cherish become evident in all we do and share together.**

Leader: God, give us the grace to surrender our presumptions as to what we should be or do; and then amend our lives until we become the people you intended. Amen.

\* Those who wish may stand.

**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** · Michele Johnson  
Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 1542)

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

*All the Way...* Richard Kleiman, arr. Lanny Allen

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
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**Scripture Reading**

Romans 12 (pg. 1763)

**Ministry of the Word** · The Rev. Renée Rico  
"Gifted and Sent"

*Seven Marks of Vital Church Communities: Part 3, Outward  
Incarnational Focus*

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# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* **♪ Hymn of Response**

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak  
No. 426

### **Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings**

**♪ Solo** · Leland Morine

*Lead the Way...* Ken Medema

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
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### **Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer**

\* **♪ Closing Hymn**

Today We All Are Called to be Disciples  
No. 434

\* **Benediction**

\* **♪ Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace

**♪ Organ Postlude** · Bobbi Hunter

*Tocatta in D Minor ...* J.S. Bach