

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Toni DiCapua

*O God of Every Nation...* Emma Lou Diemer

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

Leader: Now is the time to sing!  
To sing the good news of God.

**People: who awakens us with dawn's embrace  
who surrounds us with joy and life.**

Leader: Now is the time to offer praise to God  
in every place, with every voice,

**People: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each  
moment with a gentle hand and word of hope.**

Leader: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God  
from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies.

**People: We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

\* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
No. 466

**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 sins and raise us to new life that we may serve you  
faithfully and give honor to your holy name. 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**

**Why I Belong** · Suzanne Yee

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading** · Bob Kraut

Acts 6:1-7 (pg. 1700)

♪ **Anthem** · Veterans' Voices

*America, the Beautiful...* Samuel Augustus Ward

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

**Please see hymn No. 564 for text**

**Scripture Reading**

Galatians 6:1-10 (pg. 1816)

**Ministry of the Word** · The Rev. Renée Rico

**"Love for Each Other"**

*Seven Marks of Vital Church Communities: Part 6, Caring Relationships*

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* 🎵 **Hymn of Response** · Though I May Speak  
No. 335

### Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

🎵 **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

*Reach Out and Touch...* Charles F. Brown

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
(CCLI #20405356)

### Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer

- \* 🎵 **Closing Hymn** · Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
No. 376

- \* **Benediction**

- \* 🎵 **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace

🎵 **Organ Postlude** · Toni DiCapua

*War is the Blemish on Any Nation's Character...* Robert J. Powell