

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Bobbi Hunter

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above ... Raymond Haan

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: In the Spirit of God who shares divinity with us,

People: in the Spirit of God who shares humanity with us,

Leader: in the Spirit of God who unsettles and inspires us...

People: let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*
No. 476

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

People: God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view. We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt, all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found wanting.

Leader: We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love, and we assume holiness means more like us.

People: We forget, or never really knew, that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is.

Leader: So when we exclude, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love.

People: May we be made holy in truth, loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.

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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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading · Kathy Pearson

John 13:31-35 (pg. 1674)

 **Anthem** · Summer Singers

He Careth for You ... Kurt Kaiser

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18 (pg. 1711)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"Stretching Lessons"

10th in the Series "Character Matters"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * **Affirmation of Faith** · (see page 5) *from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA*
- * **♪ Hymn of Response** · *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (vs. 1-4)*
No. 408

Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * **♪ Closing Hymn** · *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*
No. 538
- * **Benediction**
- * **♪ Congregational Response** · *Go Now in Peace*

♪ Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter
God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again ... Wilbur Held

