

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Bobbi Hunter

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot ... Charles Callahan

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: We come to this place of prayer,

People: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.

Leader: We come to this place of grace,

People: for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

Leader: We come with these people called the church,

People: to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

No. 457

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

There is a wildness in your Divine Mystery, Holy God,

A seeming randomness in the beauty of this world

As well as in every frightening disaster,

An oddness and awesome violence in the process of evolution,

An originality in creation – that outflanks all our expectations.

We would tame you, Free and Holy One, and domesticate you,

But the effort fails.

The world you've put us into is inexhaustibly awesome and surprising,

And it speaks of creative forces ever more unknown

And not intelligible to us. Forgive us for not understanding.

Amen.

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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 · Suzanne Yee

Psalm 97 (pg. 935)

 **Solo** · Leland Morine

And Can It Be That I Should Gain ... arr. Dan Forrest

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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Scripture Reading

Acts 16:11-40 (selected verses) (pg. 1721)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"Freedom in Faith"

11th in the Series "Character Matters"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * 🎵 **Hymn of Response** · *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*
See page 5.

Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * 🎵 **Closing Hymn** · *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
No. 298

- * **Benediction**

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

🎵 **Organ Postlude** · Bobbi Hunter
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ... Paul Manz

