

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Prelude** · Toni DiCapua

Spring Intermezzo ... Betty Jackson King

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: There are many places you could be this morning,
but you have chosen to be here:

People: where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

Leader: Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer
– yet also filled with danger:

People: where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

Leader: Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in
town:

People: where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · *How Great Thou Art*

No. 467

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God our creator, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples. 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 · Ben Ball

Isaiah 53:4-12 (pg. 1145)

Anthem · Summer Singers

He's Everything to Me ... Ralph Carmichael

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

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Scripture Reading

Mark 10:32-45 (pg. 1571)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"Learning to Serve"

12th in the Series "Character Matters"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * 🎵 **Hymn of Response** · *Sons of Thunder, James and John* (to the tune of "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain")
See page 5.

Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * 🎵 **Closing Hymn** · *Take My Life*
No. 391

- * **Benediction**

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

🎵 **Postlude** · Toni DiCapua
Tarantella ... Mendelssohn

