

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Mary Mackie

God Himself is Present, Rejoice ... Timothy Albrecht

*We light the Christ candle as a center point of reference
for our relationships and our love in the world.*

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Lead a life worthy of your calling.

**People: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**

Leader: Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be
used with service and meekness.

**People: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and
gentleness, with patience and love.**

Leader: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been
called.

**People: We gather as God's family at the place where we
praise and honor the Spirit.**

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
No. 423

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Creator God, we ask you to come close and remind us of our
belovedness as your children, for we are feeling distant. Open our
eyes to the beauty and pain we all contain, and invite us to "do
unto others" in ways that build up your kin-dom on earth as it is
in heaven. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That
Holds, and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace (responsively)**

Leader: ...Wait

People: Breathe.

Leader: Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.

People: Breathe again.

Leader: We are not alone.

People: Christ is with us.

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (pg. 112)

The Word Sung – John 3:16-17

God So Loved the World ... Sir John Stainer

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mary Mackie, accompanist

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6 (pg. 1821)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

“Listen More, Speak Less: Humility”

3rd in the Series “Do Unto Others”

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * **♪ Hymn of Response** · *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
No. 372

Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * **♪ Closing Hymn** · *O For a World*
No. 386

- * **Benediction**

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

♪ Organ Postlude · *Mary Mackie*
When in Our Music God is Glorified ... Richard Proulx

