

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

🎵 Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling ... Paul Manz

Call to Worship (responsively) · Gigi MacLeod

Leader: With powerful words and dramatic gestures,
with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,

**People: we respond to God's call to offer
healing and hope to our world.**

Leader: With courage to face the injustices around us,
with the willingness to go into the brokenness,

**People: we fulfill the call of Jesus
to engage in faithful obedience.**

Leader: With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds,
with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,

**People: we become the Spirit's refuge
for all who live in worry and fear.**

* 🎵 Hymn of Praise · Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
No. 376

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope,
because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know
how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and
anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at
an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false
prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts.

But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you
would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so
we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope
abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your
compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in
these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our
life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us.

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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 Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Gigi MacLeod

Psalm 71:1-6 (pg. 907)

🎵 Anthem · Summer Singers

All the Way ... Richard Kleiman, arr. Lanny Allen

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

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg. 1786)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico

“Spiritual Gifts: The Gift of Love”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* 🎵 Hymn of Response · Though I May Speak

No. 335

New Member Recognition · Matt Birkenseer

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Offering

Call for Offering

♪ Offertory

Homage to J.S. Bach on "Hyfrydol" ... Charles Callahan

* ♪ Doxology

No. 592

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

* ♪ **Closing Hymn** · **They'll Know We Are Christians
by Our Love**

See page 6 of bulletin.

* **Benediction**

* ♪ **Congregational Response** · **Go Now in Peace**
(inside cover of hymnal)

♪ **Organ Postlude** · **Bobbi Hunter**

They'll Know We Are Christians ... Wilbur Held