23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements · Lou Pennebaker

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♫ Organ Prelude · Mary Mackie

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song … Robert Hobby

Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people, and your father's household to the land I will show you."
People: We come to worship, ready to follow where God leads us.
Leader: God calls us to leave behind our comfort zones and step into faith.
People: We trust in God's promise and guidance.
Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us to new beginnings.
People: We gather in hope, ready to embrace the journey ahead.

* ♫ Hymn of Praise · God of Our Life · No. 275

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* ♫ Gloria Patri
No. 579

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton
Matthew 13:3-9 (pg. 1516)

♫ Anthem · Chancel Bells
For the Beauty of the Earth … arr. Douglas P. Wagner
Richard Dinwiddie, director
(CCLI #20405356)

Scripture Reading
Genesis 12:1 (pg. 17)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Dr. Neal Nybo
"When God Stretches Your Comfort Zone to Shape Your Future"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering
Call for Offering
♫ Offertory
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross … Robert Hobby
* ♫ Doxology
No. 592

* **The Apostles' Creed** (see page 7 of bulletin)

* **♫ Communion Hymn · Let Us Break Bread Together**
No. 513

Sacrament of Holy Communion
All are welcome to take communion.
You are invited to hold the bread until all have received it so we can take it together. Please take the cup when you receive it.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (sung)
The sung Lord's Prayer is on the laminated card in the pews.

* **Benediction**

* **♫ Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**
(inside cover of hymnal)
Chancel Bells, descant … by Richard Dinwiddie

♫ Organ Postlude · Mary Mackie
Toçcata … Richard Purvis