

7th Sunday after Pentecost - July 23rd, 2017

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Song: “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

vs. 2 #792

Call to Worship:

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made us a little lower than God

and crowned us with glory and honor.

Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

**Opening Hymn:* “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

#403

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Hope:

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven;

and I need you to be about my business in the world.

**Sung Response:* “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

vs. 1 #775

****Passing of the Peace***

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 The Inescapable God p. 577 OT
Genesis 28:10-19a Jacobs Dream at Bethel p. 25 OT

Sermon: "Sleep on It" Paul Campbell (CRE)

WE RESPOND

***Affirmation of Faith:** Confession of 1967 9.22 – 9.24 (on insert and on screen)

***Hymn of Faithfulness:** "O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand" (on insert)

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Printed prayer requests are gathered with the offering and shared during the Prayers of the People.

Offertory

****Doxology***

****Prayer of Dedication***

God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise. In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. As we bring these worn and freighted offerings, we pray that you would use us, or we come in the name of Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

SENDING OUT

***Church Mission Statement:** (on back of bulletin)

***Closing Hymn:** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" **#835**

****Benediction***

***Closing Sung Response:** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" **#853**

Postlude

Portions of today's liturgy from "Call to Worship" and "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion"