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# Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:00AM Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

#### WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Prelude in F Major Charles Stanford

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

\*Please stand as you are able

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Call to Worship**

God calls

God gathers

God challenges

God moves

**God liberates** 

God saves

Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish.

**Gospel Praise** 

Hold Back The Night

Minute for Mission

**Call to Confession** 

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, you know all of our thoughts and all of our wanderings. You know what we need better than we know ourselves. Yet, we do not trust in you but instead trust in ourselves, our money, our popularity, and our own intelligence.

Lord, when we live this way we suffer and we cause more suffering in the world around us. Forgive us and have mercy on us. Lead us into the light of your love and the peace of your grace towards us. Lord, help us to commit to trusting you and to make a fresh start, day by day and hour by hour.

Your mercy is forever and your love never fails. Amen.

**Declaration of God's Forgiveness** 

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response AAHH #321

**Spirit Song** 

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**Prayer for Illumination** 

**First Reading** 

Psalm 24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** 

Psalm of Praise

David Dickau

**Chancel Choir** 

**Second Reading** 

Mark 6:14-29

Message

#### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

\*Hymn GTG #694

**Great God of Every Blessing** 

#### **Call to Offering**

If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the Westminster News section of today's bulletin.

**Invitation to Offering** 

\*Doxology GTG #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Prayers of the People**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

#### WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn AAHH #463 Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

**Benediction** 

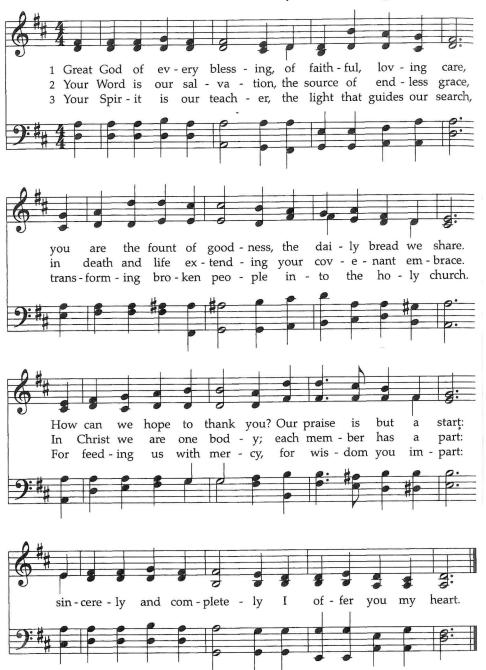
Postlude Allegro maestoso from Sonata No.2 Felix Mendelssohn

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

#### **Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director Kristen Getschman, Liturgist

# 694 Great God of Every Blessing



## 463 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21 1. Lord, I a Chris-tian In my heart, want to be lov - ing In my heart, in my 2. Lord, I want to be more 3. Lord, I 4. Lord, I ho - ly want to be more In my heart, in my Je - sus In my heart, in my want to be like Chris-tian In my heart, heart; Lord, I want to be a heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, ho - ly In my heart, heart; Lord, I want to be more Je - sus In my heart, to be like heart; Lord, I want heart, In my heart, In my In my heart, In my heart, Chris-tian heart. Lord, I want to be a In my Lord, I want to be more lov - ing heart. my Lord, I heart. want to be more ho - ly In my Lord, I want to be like Je - sus my heart.