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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

Hymns labeled OLOFOB are for your listening pleasure.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

Sing to God a new song!

For the word of the Lord is upright,

And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

Our God loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of steadfast love of the Lord.

Gospel Praise

Rough Side of the Mountain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?!" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

When Jesus healed throughout the scriptures he would say, "Take heart; your faith has made you well." Indeed, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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 GTG #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed they hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Matthew 6: 19-21

Anthem

Treasures in Heaven
Chancel Choir

Robert Young

Second Reading

Galatians 5: 22-25

Message

Chase What Matters

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
the realization of true humanity.**

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,
lived among his own people,
sharing their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.
Expressing God's love in word and deed,
he became a friend to sinners,
and a refuge for those cast aside.
Many rejected him and demanded his death,
but he gave himself freely,
with mercy and love.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became the victor,
conquering death for all people.
In Christ Jesus, love gets the final word. Amen.**

***Hymn GTG #286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Reception of New Members and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Call to Offering

We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Commissioning of Camp Staff

Leader 1: In a busy, fragmented world, camp offers people an opportunity to pause, to immerse themselves in the beauty of creation, to open themselves more fully to God, and to experience a Christ-centered, holistic, community life.

Congregation: May our camp be a place where people seek and find God's face in creation, receive God's love in Christ, and radiate God's Spirit in the world.

- Leader 2: We are so grateful for the many adults and youth who will serve as camp staff this summer. This morning we ask for God's blessing upon them, and we offer them the support and prayers of their church community.
- Leader 1: Our camps remind us of the beauty of God's creation, and the interconnectedness of all life. God, bless these staff as they learn and teach the importance of living in right relation with all you have created.
- Camp Staff: We commit ourselves to honoring the beauty and rhythms of creation, and to teaching others to live with respect and care.*
- Congregation: We will pray for you in your ministry of caring for all of God's creation.**
- Leader 2: God, bless the staff as they practice discipleship, as they model Jesus' life and teachings for others. Guide them as they nurture and shepherd the campers this summer.
- Camp Staff: As best we can, we will be Christ-like companions to all our campers. We offer ourselves as God's eyes and hands and feet in our camps, so that God's love and grace may be made known to others on their journey.*
- Congregation: We will pray for you in your ministry of mentoring and caring for all who come to camp this summer.**
- Leader 1: God, give these camp staff wisdom as they discern the spiritual, emotional, and social needs of the campers they work with. By your grace, may these relationships and their relationships with each other be transformative.
- Camp Staff: We offer our gifts and talents, our energy and enthusiasm to this camping ministry. We too are on journeys of transformation. As we walk, we will invite others to walk with us, serving as your disciples.*

Congregation: God, bless these servants as they accept your call to camping ministry. May your love be magnified through the work of their hands. May they lead and be led in the journey that awaits them.

Leader 2: Each camp worker will be prayed for by special prayer partners from our church community who has volunteered to pray for them and care for them during their camping ministry this summer.

(Please stand if you are a prayer partner, and read together)

Prayer Partners: We commit ourselves to supporting these camp staff. We will pray for you and ask God to bless your work and your rest, the relationships you will build and the solitude you will need. May you sense the Spirit's movement in and around you.

Leader 2: These are also many children and teens from our congregation who will be campers this summer. Please stand if you are going to camp this summer as a camper or family camper. May these campers be filled with awe at your creation, may they be nurtured in their journeys of faith, may they experience healthy, strong relationships with each other and with the staff.

Congregation: Bless these campers, God. May their weeks at camp be filled with growth, adventure, faith, and fun.

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 #200**

He Came Down

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

(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 worshipping.)

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor

The Rev. TC Anderson, Director of Faith Formation

Mr. Dalos Grobe, Organist/Choir Director

Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

Camp Staff, Liturgists

Today's Anthem

Treasures in heaven...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you. Treasures in heaven...Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

HE CAME DOWN 200

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may... have eternal life.
 John 3:16

He came down that we may have *love; He

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Solo: Why did He come?
 have love, Hal - le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.

*Substitute peace, joy, hope, life, etc.