



August 23, 2020

12th Sunday of Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

"The Call"

Vaughan Williams

Lindsay Mecher & George Radosavljevic

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name.

People: We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.

Leader: Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way.

People: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Leader: Jesus tells us what it will take to follow him, and we want to argue.

Jesus shows us the way to become the beloved community and we look for another path.

Let us put down all that keeps us from following Jesus, as we confess our lives to God, praying,

People: We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in all the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and go forth to serve your people, in Christ's name.

(quiet time for personal confession).

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: The apostle Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live for others, we will find true freedom.

People: O God transform our hearts, minds and spirits into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples, so we may see the world as you do, and so we may become the people you created us to be.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Word Proclaimed

Scripture Lesson - Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon "Who Do You Say That I am?"

Thanksgiving

Call for Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

"Wherever You Are"
BJ Weinman & Anita Ilika

The Martins

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Sending

Closing Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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Charge and Benediction - Pastor Debbie

Postlude

"Legends D Minor Op59 Movt I"

Antonin Dvorak

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe