THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 27, 2023
9:00 AM

New Song

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WELCOME AND INVITATION Tim Boggess

SONGS OF PRAISE *Gratitude*
Beautiful Things

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we struggle to bear the fruit of your Spirit.
We long to be more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, gentle and faithful.
We long to have more self-control. And yet, we don't know where to start.
Which is, perhaps, the very place to start.
God, give us opportunities every day to grow in faithfulness and fruitfulness.
Give us opportunities to taste and see that you are good
and we are gifted with your abundant grace. Amen.

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF PREPARATION *What Faith Can Do*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:1-22

MESSAGE *Lost in My Own Backyard* Tim Boggess
(Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SENDING SONG *Can't Stop Your Love*

BLESSING

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