# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
# JULY 21, 2024
# 11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

**PRELUDE** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Paul Manz

from Psalm 139

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Janet Olshewsky

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
**You know when we sit down and when we rise.**
**You know everything about us.**
We cannot escape your loving presence.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.**
**Your faithfulness is overwhelming.**

***HYMN 15** (vv. 1, 3, 4 & 6) *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,**
**your knowledge of us is intimate and complete.**
**Forgive us for the times we doubt**
**your goodness within us.**
**Help us to see ourselves as you do,**
**fearfully and wonderfully made.**

*(a moment for silent reflection)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
**Thanks be to God.**

***SONG OF JOY 623** (vv. 1 & 2) *I've Got Peace Like a River* PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (twice)

I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (twice)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**SOLO** *I'll Walk With God* Brodsky/Webster
(Jacqueline Bruce, soprano)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

page 566 **SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 139

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Life 360* Rev. Boggess
Walking in Wonder: Summer Sermon Series

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Janet Olshewsky

**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.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** *The Lone Wild Bird* arr. Gwyneth Walker
(Jacqueline Bruce, soprano)

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you,
Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

Each secret thought is known to you,
the path I walk my whole life through;
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears,
my deepest joys, my silent tears.

For the ends of earth are in your hand,
the sea's dark deep and the distant land.
I nothing want but to know your care,
Great Spirit live, Great Spirit breathe, Great Spirit receive our prayer.

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Study Catechism* (1998)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Janet Olshewsky

**God's decision to create the world was an act of grace.**
**In this decision, God chose to grant existence**
**to the world simply in order to bless it.**
**God created the world to reveal God's glory,**
**to share the love and freedom**
**at the heart of God's triune being,**
**and to give us eternal life in fellowship with God.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 29** *O God, You Search Me* O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past, and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

**POSTLUDE** Toccata on Duke Street Gilbert Martin

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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