FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
11:00 AM

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Where Shall I Flee From Thy Presence* J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 84)
Karen Olson

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; tell God's story of salvation to all.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

* **HYMN 394** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
so that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

(a moment for silent reflection)

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** 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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* arr. David Cherwien
(The Chancel Choir)

If you but trust in God to guide you
with hopeful heart through all your ways,
You will find strength with God beside you,
to bear the worst of evil days;
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,
In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in God's care and keeping,
In sorrow will God love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through every loss.

Be still, be still and wait God's pleasure
in cheerful hope with heart content.
Trusting that grace which knows no measure
will by unbounded Love be sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always near. (continued next page)

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully,
and trust his word; though undeserving,
There find the truth to set you free.
God will not fail to guide and bless
those who embrace God's faithfulness.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 18-21, selected verses

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Voyage Long and Strange* Rev. Boggess
(Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *All Good Gifts* Stephen Schwartz
(Matt Jarvis, soloist)

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Chorus
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above.
Then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest - our humble thankful hearts.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* **HYMN 295** *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on Sine Nomine Steven Phillips