SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 22, 2025
10:00 AM

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:
In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.
(Isaiah 30:15)

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Steven Phillips

PRELUDE *There is a Place of Quiet Rest* arr. S. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan McDonald

In the quiet of the morning,
God hears our sighs
and gives strength to our spirits.
In the busy-ness of the day,
God goes with us,
giving us courage and confidence.
In the tiredness of the evening,
God is present, refreshing our souls.
In the silence of the night
God is there watching over us.
"This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

***HYMN 403** *Open Now the Gates of Beauty* MARION

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou;
let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee;
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee,
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Psalm 139:1-3

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Dent Davis

Lord, you have probed me and you know.
You know when I sit and when I stand.
You discern my yelling from afar.
You sift through my life and know all my ways.
In the honesty of our prayers, O God, give us forgiveness and peace.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God,
we thank you for your example of faith
and life given to us in the person of Jesus.
We confess our inadequacy in living our faith,
loving other people, and seeking your way.
Teach us how to be better parents,
grandparents, neighbors and friends.
Teach us how to respect other people:
young and old, rich and poor, Christian and non-Christian.
In your mercy forgive us O God,
strengthen us against the challenges of this world,
fill us with hope, and set us free in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray, Amen.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Psalm 42:11

"Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God."
Whatever you bring to this moment,
know that in the honest intention of your prayer
you are forgiven through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Friends hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
God is gracious and we are forgiven.

***SONG OF JOY 583** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* TAIZÉ

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Tim Walsh

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* Folk Hymn, arr. Phillips
(The Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19:1-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Mysterious and Silent Grace* Dent Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Susan McDonald

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 *Always Here With Us* Keys, Mooring, & Brown

Verse 1
There is strength within the sorrow;
there is beauty in our tears.
And You meet us in our mourning
with a love that casts out fear.

Verse 2
You are working in our waiting,
always loving us,
when beyond our understanding
you're teaching us to trust.

Chorus
Your plans are still to prosper;
You've not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, perfect in love,
You are always here with us.

Verse 3
You are wisdom unimagined;
who could understand Your ways?
Rising high above the heavens,
reaching down in endless grace.

Verse 4
You're the lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind.
You surround and You uphold me,
and Your promises are my delight. (Chorus)

Bridge
Even when the world seems set against us
you turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.

Even in the valley you are faithful,
You're working for our good.
You're working for our good, we always
know that... (REPEAT)

(Chorus)

***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**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Susan McDonald

In the midst of fear, we are called to be the church of hope.
Call us to be lovingly bold in our faith.
In the midst of sorrow, we are called to be the church of comfort.
Call us to be lovingly compassionate in our deeds.
In the midst of alienation, we are called to be the church of unity.
Call us to be lovingly responsive to the needs of others.
In the midst of anger, we are called to be the church of peace.
Call us to be those who would build bridges of peace and communication.
Help us hear the cries of those in need.
Help us feel the sorrow of those who are lost and alone.
Help us reach out to each other in your love.
Help us to be the church of trust and witness to your will, O God. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 410** *God is Calling Through the Whisper* W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

1 God is calling through the whisper
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties
that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

2 God is calling through the voices
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption
and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing;
strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

3 God is calling through the music
of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels,
and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing;
days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear!
God is calling—and we hear!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Dent Davis

POSTLUDE *Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow* Vaughn Williams/ Phillips

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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