FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
11:00 AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND INVITATION — Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE — *Fairest Lord Jesus* — arr. Diane Bish

CALL TO WORSHIP — (from Psalm 96) Mary Willis

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;
tell of God's saving work.
Declare God's glory everywhere.
Share God's marvelous works to everyone.
For great is the Lord,
and greatly to be praised.

*** HYMN 664** — *Morning Has Broken* — BUNESSAN

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Triune God,
you have made us to be in community with one another
and yet we limit our circle of concern to those who are like us.
You have called us to care for your creation
and yet we continue to act as if it is ours for the taking.
Forgive us. Forgive us for forgetting that we are part
of your creation and not the masters of it.
Forgive us for forgetting that everything we do
affects everything - and everyone - you love.

(a moment for silent reflection)

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** SONG OF JOY 611** (v 1) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK Darla Waters
Agency Relations Coordinator

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Awake, My Soul, Give Thanks and Sing* Craig Courtney
(The Chancel Choir)

Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing
hymns of praise to God the King.
Alleluia, alleluia.

With voice and instrument declare
that God will hear our fervent prayer.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Awake, my soul,
give thanks and sing,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Great God of wisdom, pow'r and might,
of boundless love and glory bright.
Alleluia, alleluia. (continued next page)

O God, of everlasting grace,
tune my heart to sign Your praise.
Alleluia, alleluia

Beneath the shadow of His wings,
my soul is safe, my spirit sings;
Alleluia, alleluia

For from His throne exalted high,
God has heard His servant's cry.
Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *An Entangled Life* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977) Mary Willis

We acknowledge that we share in the interdependence that binds together all God's creation.

The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people and reflects God's love for all creatures.

We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility.

Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt.

We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Improvisation on Old Hundredth arr. Glenn Priest

* **DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 36** *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYDY NOS

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Fanfare in D* by Nicholas Lemmens

Our guest organist today is **Glenn Priest**. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Applied Piano from Boston University and completed his seminary work in theology at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Glenn has held worship leading roles at churches in Massachusetts, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and is now at Fairhaven Church, Ohio, where he is the Team Leader of Ministry Arts.

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