TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 15, 2023
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Diane Bish

From Psalm 98

CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
For God has done marvelous things.

***HYMN 346** *For the Healing of the Nations* ST. THOMAS (Wade)

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,
you have shown us the ways of justice
and nurtured us with love.
Even so, we have not lived according to your will.
We cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.
We hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.

Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we are weak and prone to disobedience.
Hear our confession and respond to us with kindness,
that we might turn to you again, walk in the light,
and live in equity and peace;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

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

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Healing Light: A Celtic Prayer* Karl Jenkins
(The Chancel Choir)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Heaven and Earth Renewed* Rev. Alison Zamora

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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 *The Gift of Love* arr. Phillips

***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**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 765** *May the God of Hope Go with Us* ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call. *(continued next page)*

Spanish
¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,
luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.
Oremos por la paz,
cantemos de tu amor.
Luchemos por la paz,
fieles a ti, Señor.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *Lead On, O King Eternal!* arr. Steven Phillips

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