

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Land

Lighting of the Candles and Introit Sing of the Lord's Goodness by Ernest Sands

# Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
All: You know when I sit down and when I rise.
Leader: O Lord, may we open ourselves in worship,
All: being honest with ourselves and with you.
Leader: O Lord, may we know your constant presence
All: and be attentive to your presence.
Leader: O Lord, you formed us and wove us together,
All: may we know your love within and between us.
Leader: O Lord, receive our praise
All: as we gather to worship you.

### We Sing: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

- Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care.
   Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.
- 2. Jesus call us to confess him Word of Life and Lord of All, sharer of our flesh and frailness saving all who fail or fall. Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

- Jesus calls us to each other: found in him are no divides.
  Race and class and sex and language such are barriers he derides.
  Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.
- 4. Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space, where the Church in earth and heaven finds a common meeting place.
  Share the bread and wine, his body; share the love of which we sing; share the feast of saints and sinners hosted by our Lord and King.

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Prayer

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you. And also with you.

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### Children's Time

Children may go downstairs for Sunday School. Parents, you are welcome to join your child in Sunday School if you feel your child may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

### Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Choral Anthem I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

### Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world. **Thanks be to God.** 

Sermon

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Prayers of the People

We Sing: Bread is Blessed and Broken

 Bread is blessed and broken, wine is blessed and poured: take this and remember Christ the Lord.

- Share the food of heaven earth cannot afford. Here is grace in essence – Christ the Lord.
- Know yourself forgiven, find yourself restored, meet a friend for ever – Christ the Lord.
- God has kept his promise sealed by sign and word: here, for those who want him – Christ the Lord.

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Celebrating Holy Communion

SETTING OF THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING May God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. It is right to give our thanks and praise. ... And so we raise our voices,
together with heaven and earth,
your people throughout all time and in all places,
and all of creation, saying:
Holy, holy, holy God, of all creation and life,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest!

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### THE COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## We Sing: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his table take leave, The supper is ended: may now be extended the fruits of his service in all who believe. The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching, shall blossom in action for all humankind. His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living the tasks of our everyday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing as neighbours all those of each race. One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite us as one in his life that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

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# Sending Forth and Benediction

## **Choral Blessing**

May the God of Peace Go with You

## Postlude

Please come and share morning tea in the basement. There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church and the car park leading to the basement.

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