

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Cares Chorus** #2215

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: Jesus Loves Me** #191

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come gather to sing God's praises!

**P: God calls us here today!**

L: Those whose steps are joy-filled,

**P: God calls us here today!**

L: Those heavy burdened, struggling, afraid and alone,

**P: God calls us here today!**

L: God calls us here today to refresh our souls, nourish our hearts, celebrate our joys, and prepare us to share what we have learned.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Gracious God, we come here today with differing perspectives, different life circumstances, family situations, cares and concerns, united in our need to receive your grace and wisdom, to learn from your Scriptures, to be transformed. Open our hearts to hear your call to life and love abundantly, so that in our abundance we may share what we have, what we feel, what we know with those around us. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Romans 7: 15 – 25a**

**Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - 30**

**\*HYMN: Be Thou My Vision**

**#451**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

**“Never Satisfied” Michele Cole, CLM**

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#95**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**#526**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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