

September 3rd, 2023
14th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Be Thou My Vision Kathy Pagano (violin)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Come Away with Me #2202

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Servant Song** #2222

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Have you heard God's call in your life?

P: Sometimes we think we know what God wants us to do; but at other times things are not very clear.

L: Place your trust in Christ for God is with you always.

P: It is a scary thing to do—to just place our trust in God alone.

L: God is with you. You will be safe.

P: Thanks be to God who watches over us and guides us. Amen

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious God, we gather this morning, thanks to your love. We come to add our voices to the chorus of your creation! We come as we are – distracted and weary, hopeful, and open – knowing that you accept us and know our cares and joys. Still in us now the many voices that seek our attention, so we might center ourselves. You Speak to us through the word and quiet, renew us in faith and strengthened for service. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

***HYMN: One Bread, One Body** #620

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

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: Let There Be Peace on Earth** #431

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

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