

September 24th, 2023
17th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Holy, Holy, Holy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Make Me a Servant #2176

SILENT PRAYER

CHOR INTROIT: Gentle Shepherd

***HYMN: Morning Has Broken** #145

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Beloved Siblings, we are called to lives of prayerful awareness of ourselves, of our community, and of the world.

P: We gather to praise the living God, who hears and answers the outpouring of our prayers.

L: May we be awakened to the voice of Christ who calls us to faithfulness.

P: May our faith be seen in using God's resources and resourcefulness in serving the world. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Almighty God, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHOR ANTHEM: There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

***HYMN: God Will Take Care of You** #130

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

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: Give Thanks**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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