

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Be Still, My Soul** #534

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: Together We Serve** #2175

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

**P: Creator, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

L: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

**P: Child, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**P: Holy Spirit, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.**

L: Today, we celebrate life in the Spirit, showing us the joy of following Christ.

**P: May God give us the patience to follow faithfully in the path of discipleship.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious God of mercy, we thank you for your presence with us. As we gather in this community to share our faith, we open our hearts to the future of this church. We ask that you make us a blessing. Prepare us to serve and celebrate the ministries you place before us. Fill us again with your spirit, for it is in Christ's name we pray. A

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Matthew 10:40-42

**\*HYMN: El-Shaddai**

**#123**

**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: Here I Am, Lord**

**#593**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**

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

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