

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" # 73

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering** "Here Is Love" (by Robert Lowry)

1. Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving kindness as the flood, when the Prince of Life our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heaven's eternal days.
2. On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide; Through the flood gates of God's mercy, Flowed a vast and gracious tide; grace and love like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above, And heaven's peace and perfect justice, Kissed a guilty world in love.
3. Let me all Thy love accepting, Love Thee, ever all my days; Let me seek Thy kingdom only, And my life be to Thy praise; Thou alone shall be my glory, Nothing in the world I see. Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, thou Thyself has set me free.
4. In Thy truth Thou dost direct me, By Thy Spirit Through Thy Word; And Thy grace my need is meeting, As I trust in Thee, my Lord. Of Thy fullness, Thou art pouring, Thy great love and power on me, Without measure, full and boundless, Drawing out my heart to Thee.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Dean Eslinger /10:30am Ashers

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Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Text *Hosea 11: 1-11* (NRSVUE)

Message "The Hound of Heaven" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Dean Eslinger /10:30am. Raymond McLanahan

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Dean Eslinger/10:30am. Raymond McLanahan

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

Communion Music: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence (My Savior's Love)"

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" # 540

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow, may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in the sunshine's blaze its day, may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

*Benediction Rev. Schwartz

Postlude "I've Got Peace Like a River" # 530

July 31, 2022

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color Green**

Hosea 11:1-11 (NRSVUE)

- ¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
- ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.
- ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them.
- ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.
- ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.
- ⁶The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes.
- ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.
- ⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.
- ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and not mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.
- ¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.
- ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! May your journey of faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.