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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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In the knitted structure, you can take a sweater, or a sock, and you can see each loop up and around and slip through, and up and around and over. In that whole that has become, it never loses all the parts that constitute it.

~ Ann Hamilton

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We come with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN D MINOR BMV554

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

Humbled by the gift of grace;

humbled by the invitation to begin again.

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

Thank you all; thank you God. Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

GTG #306

by John Fawcett

DENNIS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ask Pastor David

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Adults: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us, and by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession*.

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

HALLE HALLE

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 15:9-17

(CEB)

HYMN

TOGETHER WE SERVE

GTG #767

by Daniel Charles Damon

EPISTLE LESSON

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

KNIT TOGETHER

Rev. Wigger

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

*Invitation to the Offering

RESPONSE GTG #606 DOXOLOGY

> Words by Thomas Ken **OLD HUNDREDTH**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

~ SENDING ~

HYMN CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE GTG #761 **BEECHER**

by Jane Parker Huber

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FUGUE IN D MINOR J.S. Bach



Please join us in the gathering room or courtyard for coffee or tea.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: Beth Merrill Neel, holdingfasttowhatisgood.com; Book of Common Worship (PCUSA); Presbyterian Outlook, Teri McDowell Ott; and Follow Me Worship Helps. GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal CEB = Common English Bible; NRSV = New Revised Standard Version