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**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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*Separation Wall Graffiti, Jerusalem, 2014*

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*Whoever thinks that they understand the Holy Scriptures, or any part of them, but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbor, does not yet understand them as they ought. ~ St. Augustine of Hippo*

**~ GATHERING ~**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(from Micah 6:8)*

What does God require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

**PRELUDE**

PRELUDE IN G MAJOR

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus says, "Come and see!"

**With God's grace, I will go.**

Jesus says, "Follow me!"

**With God's grace, I will follow.**

Jesus shows us the lens of God's love.

**May we look through this lens to love God and neighbor.**

Come, let us worship God.

**HYMN**

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

GTG #366

Text by Charles Wesley; Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard (HYFRYDOL)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Ask Pastor David*

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

Adults: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession.***

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

**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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

JAMES 5:13-20

(NRSV)

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

GTG #70

by Jim Strathdee

MOON

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MARK 12:28-34

(NRSV)

**SERMON**

LENS OF LOVE

Rev. Wigger

**\*SUMMARY OF THE LAW** (*from the Book of Common Worship, PCUSA*)

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**RESPONSE**

**DOXOLOGY**

**GTG #606**

Words by Thomas Ken

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

...Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us to pray by saying together, **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**

**THOUGH I MAY SPEAK**

**GTG #693**

English folk melody, adapt. and words by Hal H. Hopson (GIFT OF LOVE)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**FUGUE IN G MAJOR**

**J.S. Bach**



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

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