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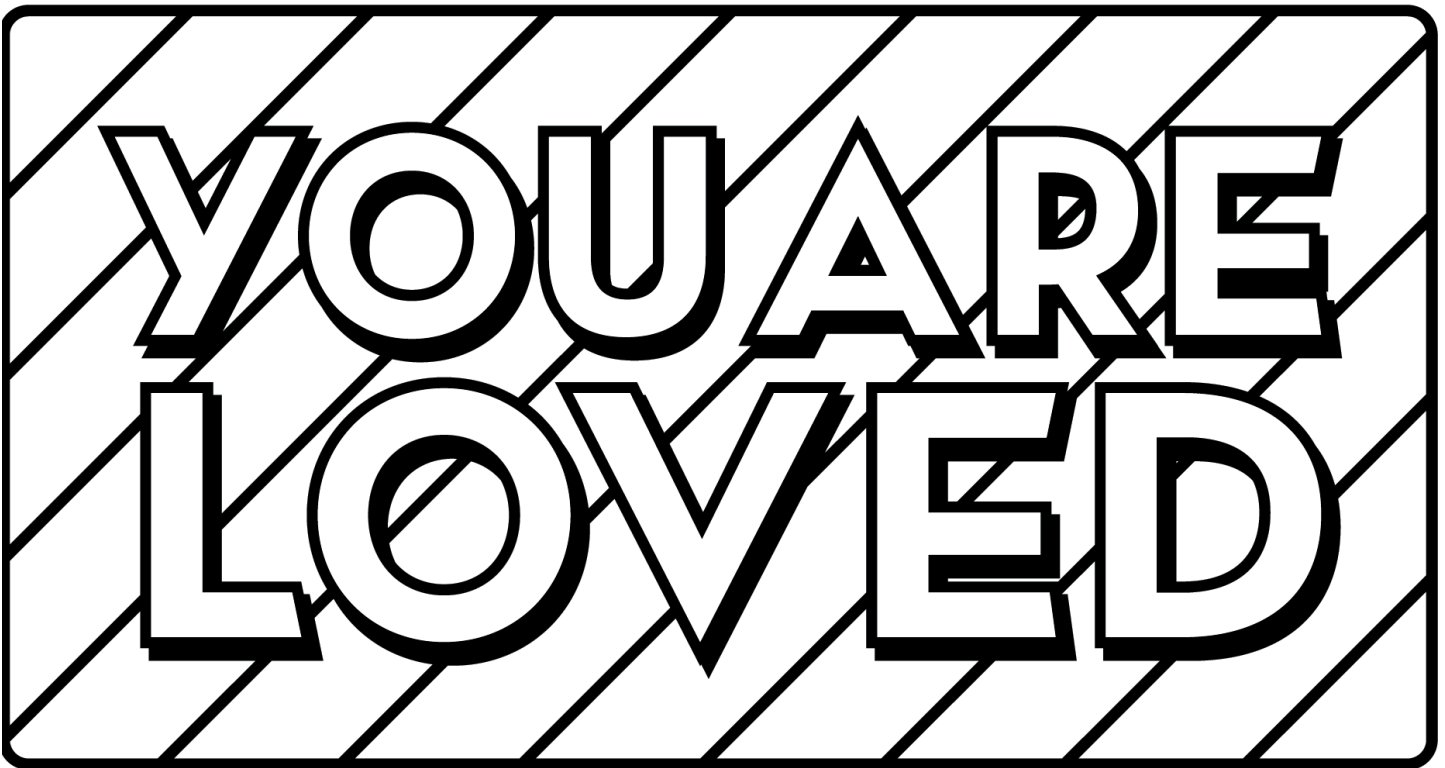


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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

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*So when the time comes for you to set off on your own, heavy winds will sweep past your building, and great gray clouds will congregate above. Your loved ones will stand there like puddles beneath their umbrellas, holding you tight and kissing you and wishing you luck. But it won't be luck you'll leave with. Because you'll have love. You'll have love, love, love.*

~ Matt De La Peña

~ **GATHERING** ~

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Jeremiah 1*)

Then the Holy One said to me,  
**“Do not be afraid, for I am with you”**

**PRELUDE**            A WITNESS FROM MID-KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY TO GA225

*Please sign the friendship register and pass it on.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Back-to-School Worship Liturgy*)

Calling all children of the Living God:  
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

The good news is proclaimed in God’s words,  
and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**Let us worship together, every generation.**

We come together with different abilities,  
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

**Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed,  
“Let the children come!”

**Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN**

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY  
by Daniel L. Schutte

GTG #69  
HERE I AM

**\*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen. We find ways out of doing what you desire. We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own shortcomings. You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you. Transform us. Encourage us. Make us steadfast in faith. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's grace is abundant. God's redemption free to receive.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**ALLELUIA**

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!  
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

GTG #591

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

*Kids, Teens, and Adults are all invited to come forward for a backpack blessing and receive a tag. You are also welcome to come after the service and pick up a backpack tag for yourself or someone you love.*

~ **THE WORD** ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW BIBLE**

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

(CEB)

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

**PSALM 103**

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN  
by Henry Francis Lyte

GTG #619  
LAUDA ANIMA

**GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 13:10-17

(CEB)

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

**SERMON**

I AM WITH YOU

**RESPONSE**

AMEN  
Anon. Danish

GTG #601

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**RESPONSE**

**DOXOLOGY**

**GTG #606**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

~ **SENDING** ~

**\*HYMN**

O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE  
by Carl P. Daw Jr.

**GTG #53**  
**ELLACOMBE**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      A WITNESS FROM MID-KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY (REPRISE)

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