

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017

Today's hymns may be found in The New Century Hymnal (larger black book).

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Improvisation on LAUDE DOMINI" -Raymond H. Haan
(Hymn No. 86 - "When Morning Gilds the Skies")

*Call to Worship

One: We come to worship as a community.
All: This is holy ground.
One: We come to worship to praise God.
All: This is holy ground.
One: We come to worship to meet Jesus.
All: This is holy ground.
One: We come to worship to listen for the Holy Spirit.
All: This is holy ground. Amen.

*Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" No. 282

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, we often pursue our own self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We seek comfort in worldly connections that we can see and touch and often stray from our connection to you. We are afraid to love people who are different from us or who we believe have the power to harm us. When your love flows freely in us, help us to freely share it with others. And too often we hesitate to take the risk of caring for fear we may be hurt. Help us to be steadfast in our caring for others as you are steadfast in your care for us. Please release us from our fears and failures, and help us trust in your love and grace that we may live boldly in our faith always connected to you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

One: Friends there is good news for everyone who seeks forgiveness. Those who are open to the gift of God's love are blessed with the ability to extend God's love and grace to others. Know in your heart and mind that you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Let the Children Come

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Anthem "If We Are the Body" -Casting Crowns
Sarah Myers

Hebrew Scripture Joshua 4:1-9 (Insert)

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-11

Sermon **Holy Ground**

Call to Prayer (unison) "Breathe on Me Breath of God" No. 292
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Prayers of the People and 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Hymn "In the Midst of New Dimensions" No. 391

*Commission and Blessing

*Closing Response "God Be With You" No. 809

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*Postlude "Rondo in G" -John Bull, arr. Richard Ellsasser

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