

*(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)*

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: Created in God’s image, we are called to bear fruit for God’s realm. We have the capacity to dream and envision a better world, free of the sin that so often seems to choke out the good. Let us give joyfully and generously and offer it all with a song and prayer.

*(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

**DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Hymnal, #258**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*  
*Praise God, all creatures here below.*  
*Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen/*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*All people: We give you thanks, O Lord. Accept our grateful hearts, along with our commitment of time and the use of our skills, as well as our offerings of money. We ask for wisdom as we determine priorities for the use of these resources. May we be faithful in all things, seeking always to live by your gracious will. Amen.*

**HYMN** *Joy to the World* **Hymnal, #120**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Preacher: Beloved of God, go in joy to love and serve in light of Jesus’ example. Rest secure in the knowledge of God’s guidance, assured of Jesus’ abundant grace, and equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*All: Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

July 2, 2023  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Cathy Rentzel**

**PRELUDE**

**Mr. Cody Eckenrode**

*(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: God of all the earth, we worship you.  
*All people: God of all peoples, we thank you.*  
Liturgist: You create all people in your image, and you bless every land.  
*All people: God of all peoples, we thank you.*  
Liturgist: You provide for us, and give us all to each other, for our mutual blessing.  
*All people: God of all peoples, we thank you. Alleluia!*

**HYMN** *Christ for the World, We Sing* **Bulletin Insert**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but an opportunity to receive God’s mercy and share in God’s abundant grace. Confident of God’s love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

*(Silence for personal confession)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Liturgist: Eternal God, before you, nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country’s wrong, and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.  
*All people: Great God, renew this nation.*  
Liturgist: Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.  
*All people: Great God, renew this nation.*  
Liturgist: Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.

**All people:** *Great God, renew this nation.*  
Liturgist: Talk sense to us,  
so that we may wisely end all prejudices,  
and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty,  
which divides or wounds the human family.

**All people:** *Great God, renew this nation.*  
Liturgist: Draw us together in love and service to do your will,  
and thus, reflect your light in the darkness,  
leading the way to your promised kingdom,  
which is even now coming among us.

**All people:** *Great God, renew this nation.*  
*Show us there is no law or liberty apart from you;*  
*and let us serve you whole-heartedly, as your devoted followers,*  
*through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist: Sisters, and brothers in Christ, hear the good news  
and know the grace of God:  
You are forgiven! You are freed from your sin to love  
and serve others in the light of Christ's love.

**All:** *God's grace creates us anew.. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

#### PRAISE HYMN

*Gloria Patri*

Hymnal, #493

#### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Liturgist: Since we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, by the power of  
the Spirit, let us stand and share peace with one another.

*(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)*

**JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"**

**Marta Dennis**

#### HYMN

*God of All Peoples*

*BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D (TUNE: "Morning Has Broken")*

God of all peoples, cultures and nations,  
God of the poor and wealthy ones, too —  
Be with our land as we make decisions;  
Help us, we pray, to listen to you.

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May we hear well your call to do justice;  
May we know all your children have worth.  
May we seek leaders who will end violence;  
May we choose ones who care for your earth.

May we be thoughtful in our decisions:  
Who will be truthful, moral and wise?  
Who will restore the streets that we live in?  
Who will love those whom others despise?

How will the ones campaigning to lead us  
Care for the stranger, outcast and poor?  
Will they hear ones who long have been silenced?  
Or will they say that wealth matters more?

God, may this time of anger be over;  
May we grow past our current divide.  
Make us as one, as sisters and brothers;  
In this good land, may your love abide.

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hymn in local faith communities.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ruth 1:1-18

**EPISTLE READING – Romans 6:12-23**

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 10:40-42**

#### SERMON

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Anderson**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "sins")

**All:** *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.*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

**Mr. Cody Eckenrode, piano**

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 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

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