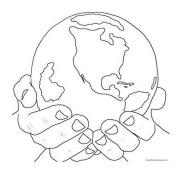
#### Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Theme: "Encountering the Creator"

Sunday, June 9, 2024



"They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze." Genesis 3:8

# GATHERING

*Prelude*: "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" Tune from 1840, arr. Thornton

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 138

- Leader: We give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart. Before the gods we sing your praise.
- People: Toward your holy temple, we bow down and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Your name is exalted among us and your word above everything.
- Leader: On the day we called, you answered us. You increased the strength of our soul.
- People: If all the rulers of the earth would praise you, O LORD. If only they would hear the words of your mouth.

Leader: Let us sing the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of our GOD.

- People: For though the LORD is high, the Holy One regards the lowly; but the haughty are far away.
- Leader: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God preserves us against the wrath of all enemies.
- People: You stretch out your hand, O GOD and by your right hand deliver us.

Leader: As we worship and always, the LORD will fulfill Godly purposes for us.

People: God's steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. We will not forsake the work of your hands.

\*Hymn: #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\*Prayer of the Day

Listening God, some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, despair, or hurt. Together we cling to this truth: God's steadfast love endures forever. Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth: God's steadfast love endures forever. Some of us come today concerned and uncertain, not comforted by our own future or the future of the church. We come disturbed and disappointed, the world You have made so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth: God's steadfast love endures forever. Be with us, O God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love. We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, to You the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life. AMEN

### Declaration of Hope

Leader: Gracious God, we have gathered this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness every day in ways we do not always recognize, so we offer thanks for Your constant watch-care. Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes.

People: Keep us in hope in the Name of Jesus, who taught faithful disciples to pray, saying, "Our Father. . ." (debts/debtors). . .AMEN

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Meditation*: "God Leads Us Along" G. A. Young, arr. Keveren "Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright, Sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night, God leads his dear children along. Sometimes thro sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long."

Scripture: Genesis 3:8-15 and Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: "Family Conflict and Contention"

\*Hymn: #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. As we reflect on your faithfulness, help us align our hearts with your divine rhythm. Lead us in the work of our hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Traditional, arr. Carter

The End of Worship The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

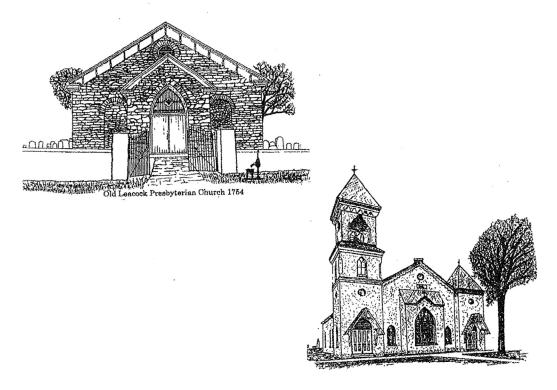
<u>Prayers of the Congregation</u> Prayer Person this week: Brit Kilbourne

> The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Don & Bea Andrews in Honor of their 74<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and in Love to all the people of our Church

We thank Karen Homsher for her gift of music this morning.

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