RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.07 Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

OFFERING Lord of the Dance arr., Mark Hayes

*PRAISE HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 350 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" **KEEP YOUR LAMPS**

*BENEDICTION

"May the God of Hope Go with Us" *SENDING HYMN 765 ARGENTINA May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

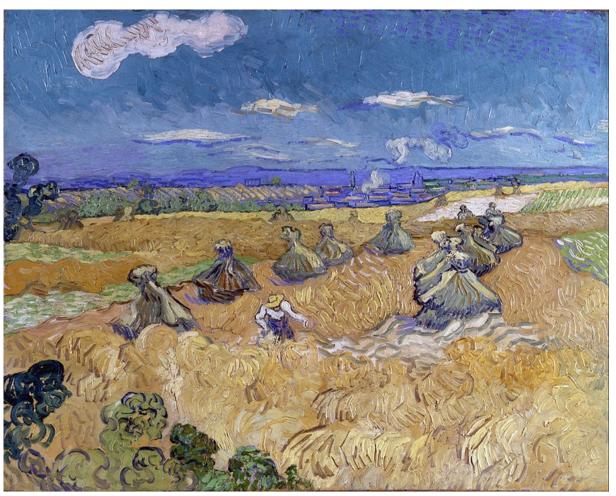
*POSTLUDE	
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Shine, Jesus, Shine

arr., Carter-Envi

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* denotes standing as able. LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby



Wheat Fields with Reaper, Auvers, Vincent van Gogh 1890

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

COVENANT at VV ORSHIP			PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us.		
Liturgical Color: GREEN		July 23, 2023	You see us at our worst and at our best.		ii us.
8th Sunday after Pentecost GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE			There is much we would hide from you— the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we		
PREPARATION	Jesus Is All the World to Me	arr., Marianne Kim	should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you. Amen.		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS		
VOLUNTARY	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	arr., Larry Shackley	*SHARING THE PEAC	ARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	
			*RESPONSE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD (singing twice) (verse 1) Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,		
*CALL TO WORSHIP We come. We wait.			and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.		
We long. We ho	pe.			is in the beginning, is now and ever sh	
We suffer. We pray. We rejoice. We sing.			LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS		
We know we are We wait for Chr	children of God. ist to set all things right.		PRAYER FOR ILLUM	INATION	
we wait for Chi	ist to set an things right.		EPSITLE READING		Romans 8: 12-25
*HYMN 192	"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"	SHINE, JESUS, SHINE	GOSPEL READING	Matthey	w 13: 24-30, 36-43
CALL TO CONFESSION			PROCLAMATION		Dana Waters
Let	us confess our sins against God and our ne	gribor.	*HYMN 317	"In Christ There Is No East or West"	MC KEE