

A vibrant blue rectangular graphic featuring the word "SUMMER" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The letters are decorated with various summer-themed illustrations: a hot air balloon, a pineapple, a rainbow, a watermelon slice, a pink donut, and various tropical leaves and flowers. Below "SUMMER" is the text "Saints Series" in a white, serif font.

# SUMMER Saints Series

***Dolly Parton***

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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

10:00am Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING      *Andante from Piano Concerto No. 21 (abridged)*      Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY      *There Was Jesus*      Zach Williams/Dolly Parton

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Come, all who carry stories sewn from many colors —  
joy and sorrow, memory and hope, laughter and tears.

**We come as we are, beloved of God.**

Come, all who know the ache of scarcity,  
and all who have discovered grace in unexpected places.

**We come to the God who makes enough for all.**

Come, all who have been measured by the world  
and found wanting by its cruel arithmetic.

**We come to Christ, who calls us worthy, welcome, and free.**

Come, all who have received mercy,  
and all who long for mercy to become tangible in the world.

**We come to be woven together by grace,**

**that our gifts may become blessing,**

**and our abundance may become someone else's enough.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of abundance and enough, we confess that we are often captive to the world's measures. We measure worth by wealth, polish, education, beauty, accent, productivity, and success. We forget that every person bears your image, and that no life is made poor by the presence of need. Forgive us when we mistake generosity for charity from above, rather than kinship with those beside us. Forgive us when we shame the patched places in ourselves or others, when we hide our wounds, dismiss our stories, or fail to see how love can make beauty from what the world calls scraps. By your grace, open our hands. By your Spirit, mend our hearts. By the way of Jesus Christ, teach us again that life is not diminished by being shared. We pray all of this in his name. [*Silent prayers of confession*]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is wider than our fear, deeper than our shame, and stronger than all that divides us.

**In Christ, we are not discarded. We are gathered, mended, and made new.**

**God's mercy meets us in our need and sends us out with gifts to share.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE 591  
(SINGING 2 X'S)

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

HALLE, HALLE

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 62) Exodus 16: 13-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 1057) II Corinthians 8: 1-15

PROCLAMATION

*A Coat of Many Colors*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) We believe in the God of grace, whose love is not scarce, whose mercy is not earned, whose abundance is given for the life of the world. We believe in Jesus Christ, who became poor for our sake, not to glorify poverty, but to draw near to every wounded place and make us rich in compassion, courage, and love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who loosens fear, opens hands, and gathers many lives into one body. We believe the church is called to be a community of enough: where no one's worth is measured by wealth or status, where no one's story is wasted, where gifts are shared, where dignity is protected, and where grace is made visible in truth and action. We believe God is still sewing scraps into beauty, still turning memory into mercy, still making us into a people warm enough, strong enough, and generous enough for the world God so loves. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*Coat of Many Colors*

Dolly Parton

**\*DOXOLOGY 609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Wren/Hopson  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*HYMN 625

"How Great Thou Art"

STUART HINE

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## \*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"

AMEN

**Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

## \*POSTLUDE

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PIANISTS: John Knox, Dick Zimdars, Emely Phelps

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea

PRAISE BAND: Donny Whitehead, sax Jason Roberts, bass, Albert Rinaudo, guitar,

Rich Kimmich, drums VOICES: Lisa Buchanan, Winnie Mburu