

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who taught by story and by table, who opens our eyes in the breaking of bread, and our hearts in the telling of truth. He proclaims good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. We trust in God's Holy Spirit, who speaks through the Word, who calls us into community, and who teaches us to remember, to love, and to live with courage and compassion. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we seek to embody the story we have received — until all creation knows the love of Christ. 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                      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*                      arr., Karen Buckwalter

\*DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"      LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**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 741                      "Guide My Feet"                      African American Spiritual

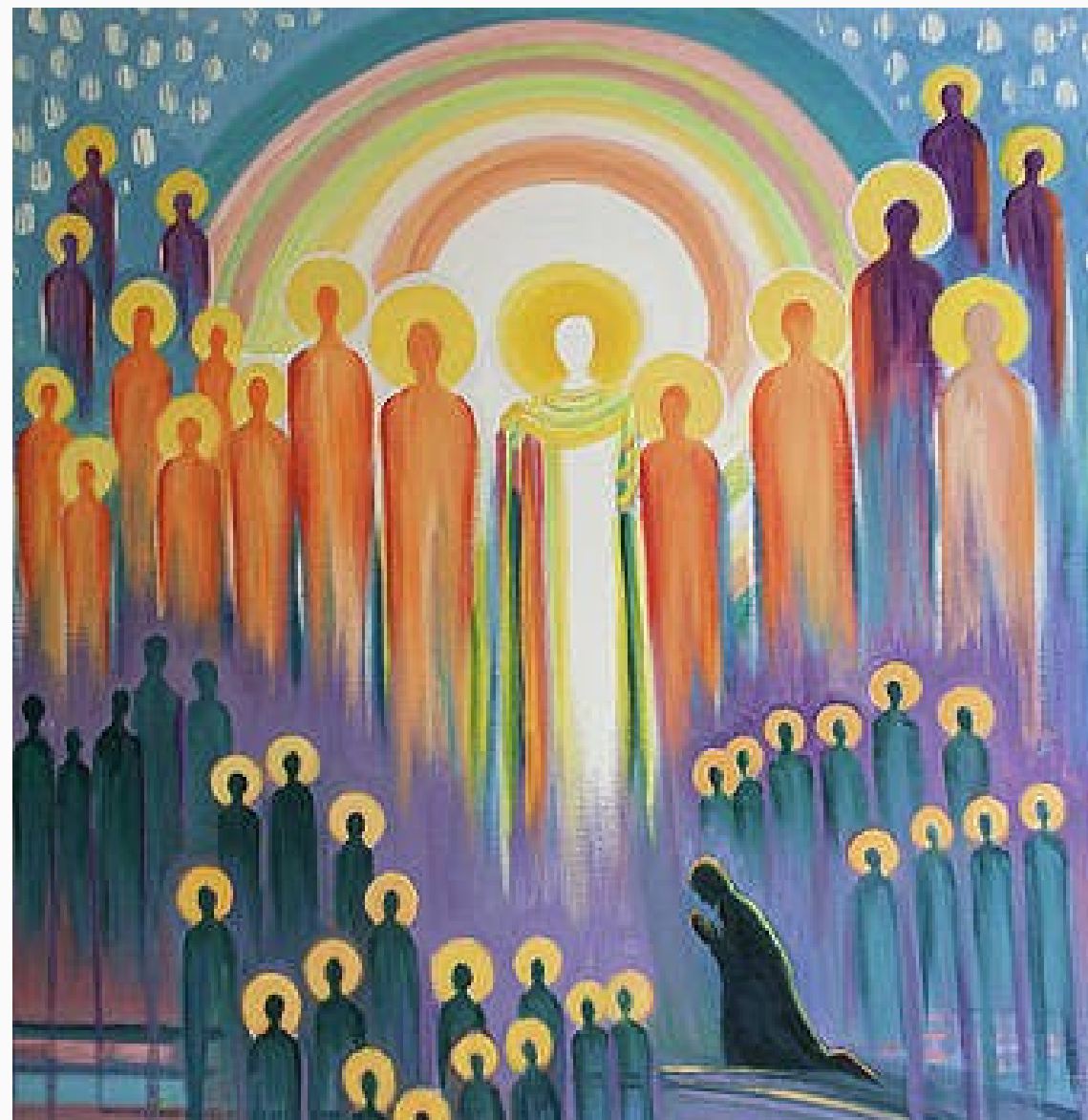
### \*CHARGE & BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN 853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"      SIYAHAMBA  
**We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God. We are marching, we are marching, Oh! We are marching in the light of God.**  
(repeat)

### \*POSTLUDE

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MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi                      LITURGIST: James Newland  
ADULT CHOIR                      HANDBELLS under the direction of David Boardman  
PRAISE BAND: Donny Whitehead, sax Bill Rigsby, bass Donnie Lindsey, drums



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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PREPARATION

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VOLUNTARY

*Meditation on "Aurelia"*

Ron Mallory

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Come, people of God —

Let us walk together on the road, sharing stories of wonder and of weariness, of faith that flickers and hearts that burn.

**The Holy One meets us here — in word and song, in learning and in love.**

Let the story be told again, that we may remember who we are and whose we are.

**Let us worship God, who opens our eyes, warms our hearts, and sends us out in joy!**

### \*HYMN 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**God of the journey, you walk with us in every season of life, but we confess that we often walk in circles – too busy to notice your presence, too distracted to hear your voice, too proud to learn from one another. You give us the story of your love to teach and guide us, yet we treat it as old news instead of living truth. You call us to share what we have learned, to teach our children, to let your words dwell in us richly – but we forget, and grow weary. Forgive us, O God. Kindle our hearts again with your Word, that we may love what you love, and live what we learn, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Teacher and our Lord. *(Silent prayers of confession)***

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Hear the good news: The same Christ who walked beside the discouraged and the doubtful still walks with us today.

**He opens our hearts to understanding, our eyes to new vision, and our lives to forgiveness and grace.**

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

### \*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me" VASILE

**1. Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**2. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.**

### LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 162-163) Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 966-967) Luke 24: 13-35

### PROCLAMATION

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
(Sermon #3 of the Built Together Series)

Rev. Tom Buchanan

### \*HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION