

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 13, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: As a people of faith, we have come to worship the Lord of our lives.

Child: I come to church to learn about God.

Teen: My friends and I come to learn about what we can do to make this world a better place.

Young adult: I come to church this day to rest from my tiring week.

Mom and Dad: We come because we want our children to be here.

Retiree: I come to put a new focus on my time.

Senior: I come to church because it is a habit. Where else would I be?

All: We come to church as we are. In our worship, let us catch a glimpse of what we might be!

*Opening Hymn #539 *O Spirit of the Living God*

*Affirmation of Faith #881 “The Apostles’ Creed”

*Gloria Patri #70

Centering Prayer

Holy God, we receive your invitation to worship you with joy and thanks. We enter your presence to acknowledge you as our creator, redeemer, rock and guide. You alone are holy and worthy of the devotion and adoration of our hearts. We thank you for your presence which is constant, your grace which is limitless, your love which is unending. We praise you for your mighty acts, your faithful word and your ageless wisdom. Prepare our hearts that in this hour all that we do may honor you as Lord. Amen.

Children’s Message

Ministry of the Word

Psalm 119:105-112 (NLT)

*Hymn of Preparation #599

Break Thou The Bread of Life

Sermon Text

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NLT)

Sermon

“The Good Gardener”

Rev. Bates

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer #895

Offering & Offertory

*Doxology #95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, we offer not only the fruits of our financial resources, but ourselves as well. It is our fervent hope that you would use both the money and the talents you have blessed us with to bring your light and Word to those who need it most. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #707

Hymn of Promise

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*