

# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## Welcome

### \*Passing of the Peace

#### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We have been called together as the body of Christ.

**People: We are one body, though we have many members.**

Leader: Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, and not the other way around.

**People: But not all members have the same function; we have different gifts.**

Leader: God calls us to use these gifts generously, maturely and cheerfully to build up the body of Christ.

**People: Together we present ourselves in service to God and each other.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \*Opening Hymn #554

*All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

### \*Affirmation of Faith #881

### \*Gloria Patri #70

### \*Centering Prayer

**Almighty God, we gather this morning to worship you and rededicate our lives to you. We thank you for this new day and the wonder of your creation. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word. Empty us of ourselves and fill us with your Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Blessing of the Backpacks (insert)

#### Psalter Reading

Psalm 133

Hymnal, Page 850

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

Response 1

People: "Thanks be to God."

### \*Hymn of Preparation #632

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

#### Sermon Text

Romans 12:1-8 (The Message)

#### Sermon

*"Therefore – Embrace the Grace!"*

Rev. Bates

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer #895

## Offering & Offertory

### \*Doxology #94

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Giving God, teach us to be more generous with the abundant gifts you have given us so we will be rich in serving you. Use these offerings as earthly reminders of your love for all. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn #2220 (insert)

*We Are God's People*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*