



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## Prelude

*Meditation*

**Gathering**— In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Through him God was reconciled to all things in heaven and on earth, even to us, that we might be holy and blameless before God. In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.=

**A Time of Prayer**— Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ, that through the witness of our lives the gospel may be proclaimed to all 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.

## We Hear God's Word

*Colossians 1:15-28 (NRSV)*

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through

him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## **Meditation**

*Pleased to Dwell*

## **Hymn**

*Let All Things Now Living, #22*

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**— Bring your gifts and your talents, bring your sacrifice of praise to the Lord. Bring them with prayers and shouts of thanksgiving, to celebrate God's faithfulness! =

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## **Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**— God, we give today in thankfulness and with the assurance that anything we give will contribute to the continuing growth of

your kingdom in the world. Give us wisdom as a church, so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word and the service of your people. In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have. Amen. =

**Hymn**

*Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise, #48*

**Benediction**— As you go, make known the wonders of God, share the hope of God, and spread the love of God. The grace of God will sustain and guide you. The glory of God will propel you. Amen.+

**Postlude**

*Paeon Exultant*