



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

## Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision*

**Gathering**— Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south. The Holy One is in our midst. Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs. The Holy One is in our midst. Let us worship the one who has already raised us into new life with Christ.+ (Adapted)

**A Time of Prayer**— Holy Love, we worship you as your people. You tether us to you in righteousness and covenant. Reveal your face to us. Let us see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people for you are our God.+

**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.

## Bell Choir

### We Hear God's Word

*Colossians 3:1-17 (NRSV)*

<sup>3</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Meditation**

*Get Your Cape*

## **Hymn**

*Take My Life and Let It Be, #466*

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

**Invitation**— The promise of life abundantly invites us to trust God's provision and abundance of resources for all. We share our gifts from the abundance given to us.+

**July Benevolence**—Southeast Association Eviction Ministry

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## **Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**— Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love.+

**Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus #473*

**Benediction**— Clothed with compassion and kindness and love, go out into the world to serve God and neighbor. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. With gratitude in your hearts lift up your voice in praise. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him, and let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Amen.

**Postlude**

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