

# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 2019

## THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

### Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. Don Wyrzten

### \* Call to Worship

One: "Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'" As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God, as mortals charged with holy purpose, let us worship the One who summons us to life.

\* Opening Hymn #29 "O God, You Search Me"

### Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**Weaver of life, framer of the ages, we marvel at your artistry and the trust you place in us. From our first cries to our final breaths, we are your own. Bind us now to each other in ways beyond our choosing, that your purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and service, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the firstborn of all creation. Amen.**

### Call to Confession

One: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. Amen.**

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\* Please stand as you are able

**Bold type** indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the sound of love poured out: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\* Response #581 Gloria Patri

### \* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

\* Hymn #487 "These Treasured Children" vs. #4

### Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

**All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

**Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Help us to bear it. Break down in us all that resists your will and plant in us a willingness to turn, for we would live; we would be your disciples. By your Spirit, come to us, now, in ancient tests, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor; we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Pew Bible – OT p.577, 578

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Choir Anthem

"Stir Thy Church, O God, Our Father"

arr. Beryl Red

### Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Pew Bible – NT p.78

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Mixed Nuts"

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Hymn #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\* Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, pg. 35

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## Offering

Musical Offertory                      “Take My Life and Let It Be”                      setting, Benjamin M. Culli

\* **Doxology #609**

\* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring. Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to cede our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world. Amen.

## **THE SENDING OUT**

\* **Closing Hymn #541**                      “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

\* **Charge & Benediction**

\* **Postlude**                                      “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”                      setting, Jeffrey Blersch



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you  
in the prayer room if needed.*

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Our beautiful chancel flowers are given by Jonathon & Becky Dzekute  
in celebration of their 11<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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### Assisting in Worship This Morning

**Greeters:** The Beck Family

**Liturgist:** Nancy Rosenthal

**Acolytes:** Rhett Mehlberg & Ava Mehlberg

**Ushers:** Tom, Eric, Debbie & Lizzie Renier

**Choir Director:** Andy Parks

**Organist:** Julie Mackey

**Elder of the Month:** Mark DeCleene

**Deacons of the Month:** Barb LeMense & Cassie Griffin

**Tech Crew:** Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks &  
Joe Williams

**Fellowship:** Rally Day Potluck

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