

“God has brought laughter for me.” **Genesis 21:6**

I will lift up the cup of salvation. **Psalms 116:13**

Endurance produces character. **Romans 5:4**

“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves.” **Matthew 10:16**

#### Guest Reflection

Christa Joyce

#### Assistants

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#### Offertory

Christa Joyce  
Sam Jannotta

#### Accompanist

Sam Jannotta

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Mark Nutwell

#### To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

## THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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### +Introit 281 (12x)

*Holy Spirit, come to us.*

### Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

### Prayer

#### \*+Hymn 378

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

### Prayer for Wholeness

Blessed are we who say:  
God I have come to the end of my self-improvement.  
Some things are simply not possible.  
But even so, give me tasks to do.  
Let me play a part in what lovely work might yet be.  
Show me how goodness grows in the body that I now inhabit,  
within the walls of circumstance,  
in these short years and finite strength,  
and with these eyes that see only so far.  
Give me courage to imagine that any grand  
work of yours can fit in the small space that is my life.  
Show me your plans. Sign me up.

### +Response 288 (2x)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

### Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

#### \*+Response 293, v.1 (2x)

*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

### Blessing the World

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

+Response 300, v.1  
“We Are One in the Spirit”

### First Pew

+Response 300, v.2  
“We Are One in the Spirit”

### Welcome and Parish Life

## THE WORD OF HOPE

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### Reading

### Interlude

### Lesson

Luke 13:6-9

### Guest Reflection

“A Land Named Beloved”

#### \*Hymn 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

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### Prayer for Others

### Offering Our Gifts

### Offertory

“Poetry”

*by Taylor Leonhardt*

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#### \*Acclamation

With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

#### \*Sending 539

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

### \*Postlude

What should young people do with their lives? Many things obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured.

**Kurt Vonnegut**

Soon we imagine, with God, this circle of compassion. Then we imagine no one standing outside of that circle, moving ourselves closer to the margins so that the margins themselves will be erased.

**Gregory Boyle**

Sometimes the fact that there is nothing about you that makes you the right person to do something is exactly what God is looking for.

**Nadia Bolz-Weber**

‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’ **Luke 23:43**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### Flowers

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**Ordinary Time**  
Eleventh Sunday

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**June 18, 2023**  
11:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, June 18 • Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-18; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom

**Monday, June 19** - Juneteenth Holiday - Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m. EPYA (Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance) - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday - Friday • Lynn Dampman on Vacation**

**Wednesday, June 21**

4:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, June 22**

Pastor Gusti on Vacation through June 28

**Saturday, June 24**

1:30 p.m. Yarns & Threads - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, June 25 • Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

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**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The late 20th Century Introit is from the Taizé community. Opening Hymn. The early 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Pentecost was inspired by the prophet Jeremiah. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a folk melody. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew was written for the Civil Rights movement in Chicago. The early 20th Century Sending was written by a Canadian father and daughter for her wedding.

**PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS:** Excerpted from “for when you’re not getting any better” a blessing by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie in their book *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*.

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*from Ceremony*

I will tell you something about stories,  
[he said]  
They aren't just entertainment.  
Don't be fooled.  
They're all we have, you see.  
All we have to fight off illness and death.  
You don't have anything  
if you don't have the stories.  
Their evil is mighty,  
but it can't stand up to our stories.  
So they try to destroy the stories,  
but the stories cannot be confused or forgotten.  
They would like that.  
They would be happy  
because we would be defenseless then.

**Leslie Marmon Silko**

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