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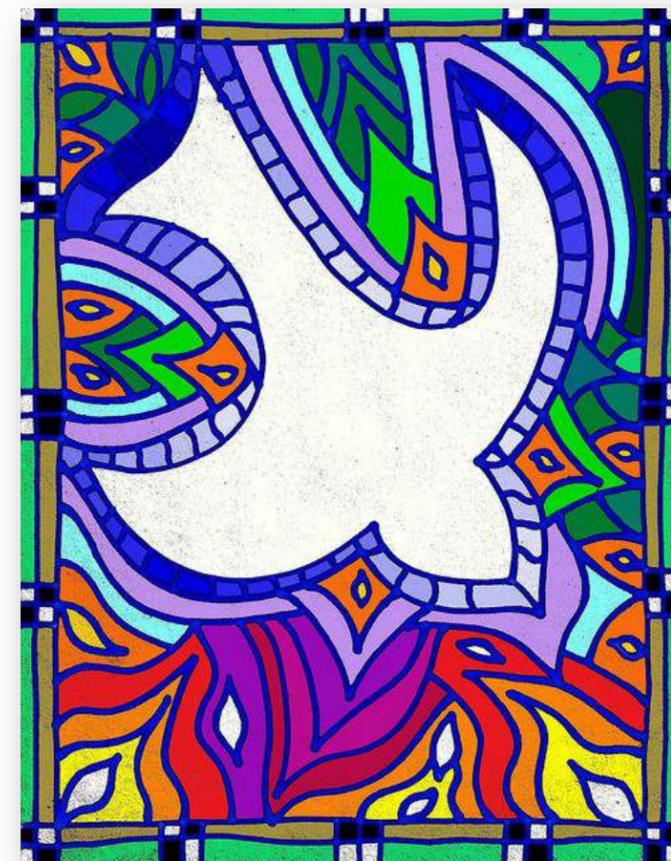
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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



July 30, 2017



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Welcome to Worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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8:30 AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by the Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE *Heal Our Land*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

*PRAISE *Awesome God
Have Thine Own Way
I Love to Tell the Story*

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Love Come Down*

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 119:129-136 NRSV
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SERMON *"GOD'S SPIRIT: Intercedes"*

OFFERING SONG *Grace That is Greater*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *On Bended Knee*

*FINAL BLESSING *Sanctuary*

*CLOSING SONG *I'll Fly Away*

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CENTERING WORDS

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---Romans 8:26 (RSV)

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *How Great is Our God* Tomlin, Reeves, Cash

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Called to God's kingdom,
we gather in love.
Called to Christ's service,
we come with humble hearts.
Called by the Spirit's power,
we find the strength and courage
to create God's world of peace and love.

***OPENING HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 526

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

**Mighty Spirit, breathe your courage into our hearts,
into our lives, and into our worship.**
**Shine the light of your wisdom into our minds,
that we might perceive the signs of your kingdom
around and within us,
no matter how small those signs might be.**
**Flow through us with your grace,
that we might serve one another faithfully
in unity and love.**
**Live in us each and every day,
that we might be signs of your realm
for everyone to see. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

*Nursery care is available.
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393
 Congregational Prayer
 Choral Response *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393

SPECIAL MUSIC *Stronger* Brown and Naish
 Soloist, Cristy Van Hook

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HYMN (remain seated) *Be Still My Soul* No. 534
 Verses 1-2

SERMON "GOD'S SPIRIT: Intercedes"

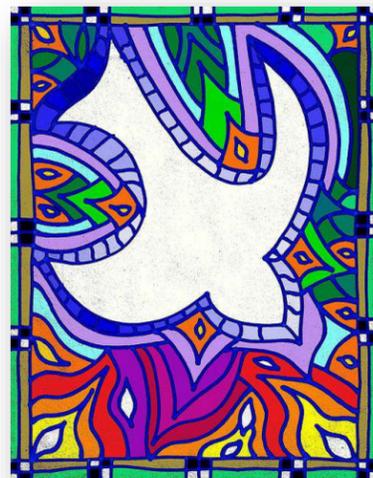
OFFERING
 Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought* William B. Bradbury
 *Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*HYMN *We'll Understand It Better By and By* No. 525
 Verses 1-3

*BENEDICTION
 We are signs of God's presence and love for the world.
**We are the seeds of God,
 planted to bring God's realm here on earth.**
 Go, my friends, to scatter seeds of peace, hope, and love!

POSTLUDE *Take the Name of Jesus with You* W. Howard Doane



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