

**August 26, 2007**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Meditation

*“A Christian community is not a healing community because wounds are cured or pains alleviated, but because wounds and pains become openings for a new vision.”*

*Henry Nouwen*

Gathering in the Spirit

GATHERING and WELCOME

PRELUDE                      “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”                      Sarah Douglas

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called people from the farthest places of the earth.

**From east and west, from north and south, the people of God are gathering.**

The Lord has called the blind and the lame, the bent over and heavy burdened, those who struggle with depression and those needing forgiveness.

**From all walks of life and from every circumstance the people of God are gathering.**

Those who weep will be consoled, the thirsty will be led to streams of living water, those who stumble shall find strength and a straight path.

**We gather to hear God’s call through worship, to have our lives touched by grace, to find a future together through the Spirit’s leading. Come, let us give our best attention and ourselves to the Living God.**

\*HYMN SING    Beginning with No. 384                      “Love Divine”                      vs. 1-2

\*PRAYER OF AWARENESS                      From a 2001 Order of Worship

**Awakened One, source of inner power, restorer of tombbed vitality, giver of unexpected grace, you who have been raised from the cold stone of death, come and resurrect us from our own entombments. Repair what has weakened in our spiritual intentions and revive our cobwebbed relationships. Lift up our waning hope when we find ourselves wailing or numbed with the world’s pain. Restore a sense of graced oneness with all your creation. Refresh in a us a daily call to embrace life as sacred. Push back the stone of self-centeredness, liberate our generosity, invigorate our faith and**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**reestablish our dedication so that you become the Center of all we are and all we do. In Christ’s strong love we pray. Amen.**

\*SILENT PRAYER

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

Listening for God’s Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES                      Jeremiah 1:4-10

RECEIVING OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING SONG

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON                      Luke 13:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SINGING                      “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”                      No. 273

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY                    “Maker of the Earth and Heaven”                    Lucy Ann Warriner

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*SINGING                    “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”                    No. 57 (vs. 1-6)

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE                    “Not Alone for Mighty Empire”                    James Mansfield

Liturgist: Jennifer Peckham

Please join our *Meet and Greet* time in Fellowship Hall following Worship Service!

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