

9:00 a.m.

**Devotional Service**

September 18, 2022

*Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Welcome and Life in the Community

\*Hymn 697 **Take My Life** (vv. 1-3)

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\*Expressing Our Joy

*Leader: Great God, in Christ you call our name*

**People: and then receive us as your own,**

*Leader: not through some merit, right or claim,*

**People: but by your gracious love alone.**

*Leader: Great God, in Christ you set us free*

**People: your life to live, your joy to share.**

*Leader: Give us your Spirit's liberty*

**People: to turn from guilt and dull despair**

*Leader: and offer all that faith can do*

**People: while love is making all things new.** (Verse by Brian Wren)

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray.* (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

***Christ our Lord, you have graced our lives with a love lavish beyond measure. Emptied of any selfish ambition, you poured yourself out for us with a resolution that shames our pale commitments. The depth and breadth of your love should inspire us to a ministry knowing no boundaries and no limits in its kindness. Our response has hardly been as generous. We are timid in love and cautious in affection. Christ our Savior, have mercy on us. Cleanse our hearts. Through your loving spirit empower us to love as you have loved us.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Genesis 32:22-32 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 29 in the pew Bible.]

I Corinthians 13 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 164 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

**Transforming Love**

The Rev. Vance Polley

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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\*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606)

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Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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 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.***

\*Hymn 700

***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

I'M GONNA LIVE

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those who are able, please stand.