

9:00 a.m.

**Devotional Service**

September 3, 2023

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and The Ritual of Friendship

\*Hymn 509                      **All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

HOLY MANNA

\*Expressing Our Joy

*Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.*

**People: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

*Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,*

**People: Even as we hope in you.** (Psalm 33)

*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)

***Merciful God, when we let you touch the deep places within us, we are moved to tears of remorse. Again and again, we violate the best you intend for us, in order to pursue our own whims and desires. We labor for food that perishes and ignore the Bread of Life. We take for ourselves what you intend for others, and resent you questioning our stewardship. We settle for fragmentation rather than working for unity. Forgive and heals us, God.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 126 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 541 in the pew Bible.]

Mark 8:1-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 40 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation                      **Homecomings**

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

\*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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.***

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn 498                      **Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken**

BEACH SPRING

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those who are able, please stand.