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4th after Pentecost
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** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Ruth Brown

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to worship:

We gather this morning, rising from summer sleep to sacred song.

From weeding gardens to worshipping together,

From camping out to sharing community

From creation to re-creation

We rise in the light of long summer days

And gather in the light of Christ among us now.

Let us celebrate this summer Sabbath day

Hymn VU 409 Morning Has Broken

Gathering Prayer:

O God, we come with hearts full of gratitude. We give thanks for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for the voice of Wisdom. May the spirit be alive among us and speak within. May it draw us toward you and toward our sisters and brothers: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your peace. Amen.

Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Prayer of Confession

Giver of all Good, Jesus sent the 70 without purse, luggage, or sandals.

Often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we no longer need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us our reluctance to travel lightly and heal our pain and guilt.

Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love, Paul encouraged the Galatians to not grow weary, and to use every opportunity to work for the good of all.

And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our enthusiasm and leave us feeling burned out. Forgive our lapse of faith and heal our weariness.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

The healing waters of God's Wisdom and the extravagant abundance of God's Grace are given for all. So, let us receive and let us be restored.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

Scripture Readings: Galatians 6: 1-10 NSRV

Bear One Another's Burdens

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Gospel: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 NSRV

The Mission of the Seventy

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself

intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The Return of the Seventy

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Response: The Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Our Continuing Mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life, to boldly go....

Hymn VU 716 My Life Flows On

Offering

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do?

MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

(Repeat)

Offering Prayer

We give thanks O God, for you have blessed us with all we need to do your work. Empower and embolden us to use our gifts in your service. May our sharing with others be a sign of your kingdom come on earth; source of healing and hope to a world in need. We pray this in the name of the One who sends us out, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Prayer Prelude: Send Your Holy Spirit

VU 370

Send your Holy spirit

on our gathered people,

merciful and loving God,

hear us, as we pray.

(Repeat)

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

Hymn VU 679 Let There Be Light

Sending forth and Blessing

Let us go from this place refreshed and empowered to serve in the world: Let us travel lightly, for we carry within all that is needed. Let us notice God's presence in simple, everyday experiences.

Whenever opportunity arises, let us labor with others for the good of all. And the blessing of God's wisdom, the grace of Christ and the communion of the Spirit go with us today and always. Amen.

Parting Song: Dance With the Spirit MV 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',

Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.

Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',

listen to the Spirit to show you the way. *(Repeat)*

Postlude

Prayer of the Week

Gracious God, make yourself present to our minds that our thoughts may be steeped in your wisdom. Tender God let your love for us be the pattern of our love toward all people. Enlivening God fill us with signs of hope. Good God give us the grace to assist all our brothers and sisters with our prayers when we cannot reach out to them in tangible service. Cradle us in your care, surround us with your holiness and awaken us again with your call to serve, remembering Jesus as we pray, walking with Jesus, day by day. Amen.

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