

September 10, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Pastoral Ministry: The People, One to Another &
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Theme

It's a demanding, challenging, and at times difficult life, discipleship. The narrow way of following Jesus, of being his body in the world, is not easy. It's tough being the church, not only because people can sometimes be difficult and fail to get along with each other, but also because Jesus makes great demands on his church. And yet, Jesus follows some of his most difficult demands for confrontation, repentance, and forgiveness with a sovereign promise: where just two or three of us are trying to act like his body, he'll be with us, present to help us be the faithful disciples he deserves.

Gathering As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Sung Response (More Voices #7)

*Gather us in, ground us in you
Gather us in, ground us in you
Gather us in, Gather us in, ground us, ground us in you*

Responding to the Word of God

Offertory Thought

As we have been blessed, so let us become a blessing. As we have received, so let us give.

Presentation of Offerings

Hymn: # 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all Creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known;
Creator, Word and Spirit one.*

Offertory Prayer

These offerings we present to you, O Lord. May they be used for ministries of love and reconciliation through this community of faith. Amen.

**Hymn: VU # 681 Where Cross The Crowded Ways
of Life**

Commissioning and Benediction

*Our worship takes place on land that is part of Treaty #4. We acknowledge the privilege of worshipping here and we acknowledge that we are all a treaty people.
People who are interested in learning more about the Truth & Reconciliation Commission may find more information on the bulletin boards.*

Blessing Of The Elements/ The Lords Prayer
Distribution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Proclamation of the Word

Introduction to the Readings

Romans 13:8-14

Paul gives directions for the church in Rome to live as those who love each other.

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus instructs his disciples on what to do when they have been wronged by fellow disciples.

Hymn: VU # 468 Let Us Talents And Tongues

Employ

Sermon: Seeing To It Personally

Prayers of the People

Sung Response: VU # 951 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words, you are holy God.

Call To Worship

Hymn: VU # 218 We Praise You, O God

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, we like to think that we do everything well. We pat ourselves on the back when we act with love and mercy toward others, complimenting ourselves in self-righteousness. But you know us better. You know our faults and our failings. You know when we falsely proclaim that we are truly living as you would have us live. Teach us again about your forgiving and healing love. Show us ways of merciful living that we may extend the love and mercy you have given us to others. Forgive us, we pray. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord Be With You

P: And Also With You

L: Lift Up Your Hearts

P: We Lift Them To The Lord

L: Let us Give Thanks to the Lord our God

P: It is Right to Give God Thanks And Praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus and Benedictus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might
Heaven and Earth are Full of Your Glory,
Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest
Blessed is He Who Comes in The Name of The Lord*