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4th Sunday After Pentecost

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Shawn Pearce-Chambers	Lay Leader
Mary Bellinger	Song Leader

*Indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDEL OF SALVATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

Listen to our voices and answer.

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.

So let us glorify God's holy name together!

We come to worship God in love and faithfulness.

CHORAL INTROIT Spirit Of Gentleness VU#375

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free, Spirit,
Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea

PRAYER OF APPROACH (UNISON)

God of grace, you created our minds to grow in wisdom. You created our hearts to expand with love for you and your world. You created our voices to sing your praises forever. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, so we may worship you in spirit and in love, faithfully seeking to follow Jesus, even when challenges confront us. In this time of worship, assure us of your presence with us and reveal to us the path you open before us, for we live to serve as your people wherever you lead. Amen.

***HYMN Praise To The Lord The Almighty VU#220**

STORIES FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God who knows all people and all possibilities, you call us to follow you, yet we prefer familiar paths. You offer us new understanding yet change makes us uncomfortable. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we often resist when the invitation comes with challenge or disruption. Forgive us, O God, and make of us loving disciples ready to follow Jesus' example.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING (UNISON)

God of wisdom, open our minds to your will, our hearts to your love, and our hands to serve you in the world, as we listen to the Scriptures. With your Holy Spirit, equip us to follow Jesus, who is your Living Word, and our example for showing love for you and for each other. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 18:22-33 (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:5-8 (NRSV)

MESSAGE "First Principles In Prayer"

***HYMN I Need Thee Every Hour VU#671**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY Take My Life And Let It Be VU#506**

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN For The Healing Of The Nations VU#678**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BLESSING Go Now In Peace (Besig)**

POSTLUDE