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8th 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)

We gather in the presence of God;

We have come to worship and praise God's name.

We gather in joy and expectancy;

We have come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening;

Speak your word of life to us, O God. Amen.

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)

Creator God, in you we live and move and have our being: You have been with us through good times and difficult ones. You give us strength to face the challenges around us. You offer us rest for our bodies and souls when life seems too demanding. We turn to you for wisdom this day, trusting we will find the peace and comfort we long for in your presence. We praise you for all you offer us in your great faithfulness. Fill us with your Spirit in this time of worship. Open our minds and hearts, so that we may see as you see, love as you love and follow your ways for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN Blessed Assurance VU#337**

STORIES FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Ever present God, you know our inmost thoughts and see our thoughtlessness.

We confess our impulsive actions and reactions when we spoke before we thought, acted rashly and hurt others. We confess our stubborn attitudes and ask forgiveness for refusing to show mercy to others or to forgive.

In your kindness, O God, forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be through the grace of Christ, our Lord.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING (UNISON)

God of wisdom, your thoughts are not our thoughts, your ways are not our ways. As we listen to the Scriptures, send your Holy Spirit to grant us understanding of what you desire and fresh resolve to do your will in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 28:10-19 (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)

MESSAGE "Jacob's Ladder"

***HYMN Blest Be The Tie That Binds VU#602**

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 Be Thou My Vision VU#642**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE