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12th Sunday After Pentecost

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Shawn Pearce-Chambers	Lay Leader
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*Indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF SALVATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

For God guides us all with justice and equity.

Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

Come let us worship and offer all honour and praise. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT Spirit, 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)

Welcoming and Holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of
your glory; you make all things new; justice and right relations have their
source in you; love and peace come from you. You chose to become one of us
in Jesus Christ, teaching us your ways and calling us to follow his way.

You came to us in the Holy Spirit, and your Spirit gives us wisdom, guidance
and comfort each day. And so, we praise you for your love which is great
enough to embrace the universe, yet close enough to enter our hearts.

During our worship, surprise us with your grace that we, with the rest of the
church and the whole of creation, may praise and adore you. Amen.

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

STORIES FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us.

Forgive us those times we have not welcomed others into our community;
and those times we have avoided others because of our fear and prejudices.

Forgive us the ways we have judged people unfairly. Reveal to us your ways,
and show us how to see your goodness in those who seem different from us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM Happiness Is The Lord

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING (UNISON)

God of grace, as we gather to hear your Word, silence any thoughts that
distract us. Open our hearts to receive the challenge and the comfort you offer
in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE Romans 9:14-18 (NRSV)

MESSAGE "Holding On To God In The Dark Struggles Of Life"

***HYMN** Fight The Good Fight With All Thy Might VU#674

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** Rejoice In The Lord Always (repeat 3 x) VU#249

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE