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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Where there is no extravagance there is no love, and where there is no love there is no understanding. – Oscar Wilde

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

***INTROIT Come Touch Our Hearts (#12 MV)**

**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: God visits the earth and waters it

All: Greatly enriching the earth.

One: God waters the earth, softening it with showers,

All: And blessing the earth.

One: Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,

All: Let us shout and sing together for joy! (Based on Psalm 65:9-13)

***HYMN #409 VU Morning Has Broken**

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us.

Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word

that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. Amen.

SOUL SEARCHING

Gracious God, we acknowledge that we too often take for granted your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us.

When we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOME TIME WITH EACH OTHER

***HYMN MV#122 This Is the Day**

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S): Isaiah 55: 10-13

Psalm 65 Voices United page 782

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

REFLECTION

***HYMN #135 MV Called By Earth and Sky**

THE RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY Spirit of Life #381 VU

Spirit of life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

DEDICATION

**Gracious God, filled by your generosity to us,
may we be generous to others.**

Accept from us these gifts as we commit our lives to you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #884 VU You Shall Go Out With Joy**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Go, Make a Diff'rence (209 MV)**

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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from his friend Bill Elderkin.*