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13th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

“Satisfied”

Williams

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and an example of godly life. Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 124**

L: What if the Lord had not been on our side? Let all Israel repeat:

P: What if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us?

L: They would have swallowed us alive in their burning anger.

P: The waters would have engulfed us; a torrent would have overwhelmed us.

L: Yes, the raging waters of their fury would have overwhelmed our very lives.

P: Praise the Lord, who did not let their teeth tear us apart!

L: We escaped like a bird from a hunter’s trap. The trap is broken, and we are free!

P: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

***Hymn**

“My Life Flows On”

SF#2212

(How Can I Keep From Singing?)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, our source, our judge and our destiny. Today we will not hide our wrong doings from you. We confess that we have left vows unfinished; good purposes forgotten, opportunities left unfulfilled, and duties unmet. We have spoken impatiently or unkindly, and done ungenerous things. We have desired what we should not, and lived for things that will die. We have ignored you, who are our life and peace. In your mercy forgive us, show us compassion and heal us. Set us anew on your path, and help us to hear your voice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* **PH #579**

Worship Enhancement *“Sunshine in my Soul”*
Wildwood Strings, Pastor Ryan & Bethany

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10

New Testament Reading Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Reading/Sermon Scripture Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon *Who Do You Say That I Am?”* Pastor Edgecombe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

***Hymn** *“O How He Loves You and Me”* **SF #2108**

Prayers of the People *“Let us Pray for One Another”*
Wildwood Strings & Pastor Ryan

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory *“Peace Shall Come”* Paxton

***Doxology** **PH #591**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

***Hymn** *“Lily of the Valley”* **SF #2062**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude *“Farther Along”*
Wildwood Strings & Pastor Ryan

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
PIANIST: Rich Ford
GREETER/USHER: Rich Ford
LITURGIST: Camilla Long

****Please stand, if able*** CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover