

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**

**July 23, 2017**

**11:00 A.M.**

***Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.***

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A kind word opens a closed flower.

**People: A quiet deed catches another's attention.**

Leader: A generous gift loosens a hardened heart.

**People: A heartfelt forgiveness releases new possibilities.**

Leader: Each act of love, each measure of care,

**People: Weaves a strand in God's Kingdom**

Leader: And causes the heart to sing.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 62 (vs. 1, 4, 5 & 7)

**CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN**

*Where Children Belong*

**(congregation sings)**

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

**PRAYER HYMN**

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**No. 526 (vs. 1)**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Heavenly Teacher, we do not always pray as we ought.**

**Help us to speak your truth and to listen for your forgiveness:**

**When we pray, "Our Father in heaven,"**

**but forget to embrace all people as your children.**

**When we say "Your kingdom come"**

**without working for your kingdom on earth**

**When we ask for our daily bread, but do not recognize it as your gift**

**When we request forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to pardon others**

**When we plead not to be led into times of trial,**

**but walk willingly into temptation**

**When we honor you with our lips, but fail miserably with our lives**

**O Lord, forgive us. Help us to pray unceasingly,**

**that we may be transformed**

**by the renewing power of the Spirit. Create spaces in our prayer,**

**that we might hear and live out your words,**

**words of love and justice, grace and forgiveness. Amen.**

**SONG OF ASSURANCE**    **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**                      **No. 526 (vs. 2)**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER    No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**    **Allie Kessel and Jody Burns**

SCRIPTURE    Matthew 18: 21-25    (NT p. 21)

**SERMON**    **“Community: Forego and Forgive”**

**GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory Hymn    “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”    No. 420

\*Doxology    No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer (in unison)

**O God, you provide what we can not purchase or possess, unlimited resources of grace and freedom. These are your gifts of love to us. It is through their wise use that our faith finds expression. As people forgiven and freed, we respond with grateful hearts and together offer our lives and our gifts to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**    **“The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve”**    **No. 2241**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**