

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**

**July 30, 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 TO CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come as you are, people.

**People: Come burdened, Come savvy,  
Come aging, Come on tip-toe.**

Leader: Come wanting

**People: Come already full**

Leader: Come longing

**People: Come drifting**

Leader: Come as you are. God-in-Christ has been waiting for us.

\*HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

No. 152

**A TIME TO 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

A CALL TO PRAYER

Are any among you suffering? Then let us pray.

Are any cheerful? Then let us whisper praises toward the sky.

Are any among you sick? Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch. For such prayers of faith will save us and the world.

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

### The Archipelago Project

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15: 21-28

(NT p. 17)

### SERMON

### **“Inclusion: Every Community’s Stretch”**

#### A RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: God is alive in the squirmy children in our midst.

**People: Our job is to love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the beloved face lined with wisdom's folds.

**People: Our job is to love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the persons with whom we often quarrel.

**People: Our job is to love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the Muslim, the Jew, the Hindu, the atheist.

**People: Our job is to love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the unshaven man at the intersection waving his  
"will work for food" sign.

**People: Our job is to love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the corporate executive who cannot fathom  
the value of "enough".

**People: Our job is to love them.**

Leader: God is alive in all that breathes.

**People: So may we be reflections of Christ’s love toward the outsider,  
to include someone new this week in a way  
that honors the way of Jesus.**

Leader: God is alive. Amen.

#### GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

“O Church of God, United”

No. 547

\*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.

\*Prayer Over the Gifts

#### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN

**“Forth in Thy Name”**

**No. 438**

\*BLESSING FOR ALL LIVING THINGS

\*POSTLUDE