

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**  
**September 3, 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: God has given us holy hands:**

People: Hands to caress a deep ache, a tight knot of stress and tension;

**Leader: Hands to hold a hurt child, embrace a lonely friend,  
care for one who is ill;**

People: Hands to create a loving meal or a work of art;

**Leader: Hands to till the soil and make a bed;**

People: Hands to write to one in need or call another with good news.

**Leader: God has given us holy hands,**

People: Hands to bring God's touch to earth and to do God's will.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE            "For the Fruits of This Creation"            No. 97  
**A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN**

*Where Children Belong*            **(congregation sings)**

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

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN SONG AND PRAYER

SONG OF JOY                            "I Come with Joy"                            No. 617 (vs. 1-4)

**UNISON PRAYER**

God of amazing joy and surprising grace, hear the fragile chords of our high-strung days: days of worry over a next paycheck and mounting bill; days of dis-ease in unpleasant and un-fulfilling work; anxious days of waiting for a doctor's report; days of hurry and packed schedules, with an overload of tasks and time measured by the minute and by the prayer, "O, God, don't let there be a traffic jam." God of amazing joy and surprising grace, release in us a new song, where laughter and sighs resound. Let your grace ease our obsession with doing it all. Let your joy free us from needing to have it all. Forgive our frenzied ways and Create in us a joyous sound. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

***"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us...." 1 John 1:9***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**No. 895**

## PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Peter Deneen

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
SERMON

Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11, 18-23  
"The Gift of Work"

(OT p. 615)

### CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. When you come forward you will be given a piece of bread which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel. Our Stephen Ministers will be positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.*

#### A Communion Prayer

Leader: Come, for you are loved by God, Come to the table of the Lord,  
Come, eat, and taste God's favor. Come, drink, and savor the grace  
that makes you whole.

**People: We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.**

Leader: Yes, Dear Lord our God, our hearts truly are glad, and we are filled with thankfulness.  
Because in your great love you did not abandon us to the chaos of life, but came to us in  
Jesus Christ, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

**People: And all who are tired and burdened, all who are sick and broken, all who are tired of  
searching, can come and find new life.**

Leader: Let us bring our prayers for ourselves, for those we love and for all we are called to love...  
(*all may pray in silence*).

Leader: We remember the way that Jesus showed us his love: On the evening before he died, he  
had supper with his friends. During the meal, he took the loaf of bread, gave thanks for it,  
broke it and then passed it around with these words:

**People: This is my body broken for you. Eat this and remember Me.**

Leader: And, after the meal he took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it  
and then passed it around with these words:

**People: This is my blood shed for you. Drink this and remember Me.**

Leader: And now, every time we eat bread like this, and every time we share from the cup like this,  
we remember Jesus, and experience his ever-lasting and ever-present love. So touch us  
now and renew us for life in his name.

**All: Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration  
Sharing the Bread and Cup

\*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 of Dedication

### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION "God That Madest Earth and Heaven"**

**No. 688**

**\*BLESSING \*POSTLUDE**