

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Blessing and Honor

\*DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—Sending—

\*HYMN #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God sends us to cities and squares, corners and gates;  
*we go listening for the words of the prophets.*

The Risen Christ goes before us to proclaim good news;

*we follow, bearing witness to the lives around us.*

The Spirit of love accompanies into the playground of creation;

*we join her in becoming the beloved community.*

The Trinity holds us in all variety, complexity, and diversity of love.

*In the embrace of their sacred dance, we reside with profound wisdom and deep understanding, loving as they love us.*

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

*You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.*



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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September 15, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
***Bold Italic Letters*** indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

**PRELUDE**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**WELCOME**

Liturgist: Louise Cochran

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

***With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God's glory!***

The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

***With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!***

The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

***With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.***

***Let's worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!***

**\*HYMN #306**

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

**CONFESSION**

Let us trust God's mercy and enter the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace.

Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

***You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Logos of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

—Word—

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

**2Corinthians 6:1-13**

Bible p. 171, LG p. 221

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

**SECOND READING**

**Job 38:1-11**

Bible p. 458, LG p. 595

The word of God for the people of God

***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

**Where Were You at the Morning of Creation?**

**Rev. Brendan McLean**

—Response—

**\*HYMN # 370**

**This is My Father's World**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Confession of 1967)

***God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.***

***Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.***

***But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.***

***The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

***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 debts as we forgive our debtors;***

***and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.***