

Order of Worship
July 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 139:1-5)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
you discern our thoughts from far away.**

Leader: You search out our paths and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways.

People: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know them completely.

Leader: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**People: We are never beyond your care for us. Therefore,
we come into your presence now with praise and thanksgiving.**

*Hymn: "God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us" insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have turned away from your love and your ways. We follow the ways of the world, ways of greed and envy, pride and consumption. We have forgotten the beauty of the earth and the beauty of humanity. We turn away from relationships because of work we find pressing or issues we find demanding our attention. We forget your call for justice and reconciliation and instead seek fairness only for ourselves. Forgive us, O God, for so quickly forgetting how much you love us, how you sent your Son for us, and the commandments of Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us and restore us, O God. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: **"Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us."** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-22

Sermon: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" # 339

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: "Guide My Feet" # 354

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "Amen"