

**Scripture Reading:** John 6:1-21 (Pew Bible Page #97)

One: The Lord be with you

**Many: And also with you**

One: A reading from the Gospel of John

**Many: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

One: The Gospel of the Lord

**Many: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Sermon:** “Sharing Can Be A Difficult, Yet Joyous Thing” Michael Casey

**Silence for reflection.**

**Closing Hymn #525** “Here I Am, Lord” (See Insert)

**Charge and Benediction:**

One: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**Many: The maker of heaven and earth.**

One: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

**Many: From this time forth for evermore**

(please be seated)

**Sung Response**

**Postlude** “Great Is The Lord”

M. Smith - Composer

Gary Butler – Guest Accompanist

*A special thank you to Michael Casey for leading worship and to Gary Butler for being our guest accompanist..*



July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30am

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

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One: The Grace and Peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ be with you

**Many: And also with you**

**Prelude** “Be Still My Soul”

J. Sibelius - Composer

Gary Butler – Guest Accompanist

**Choral Introit**

### **Call to Worship**

One: Why have you come to this place?

**Many: We have come to find Jesus.**

One: Why have you come today?

**Many: We are tired in body and spirit.**

One: Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

**Many: We are hungry with nothing to eat.**

One: Come and eat your fill.

**One: But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.**

One: There is plenty for all.

**Many: Will we find wholeness here?**

One: Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

**Hymn #464** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (see insert)

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

*God of abundance, we often fail to share that abundance with others. We often do things that cause deep pain to each other's, stirring up spurious controversies, saying hurtful things to each other. As we are all created incarnate in your image, we must work to exemplify your justice and truth in our broken world. We must open our hands, satisfying the needs of those who we have broken, intentionally or unintentionally. It is through you that we pray for your forgiveness, asking us to wash us clean of our iniquities. Inspire us to share the abundance you give to us in the example of the loaves and fishes multiplied for the ancient Israelites. We ask all this to come to pass, in your name. Amen.*

#### **Declaration of Forgiveness:**

God's mercy has been poured out for us. Our calling is to share with others that grace and forgiveness that you call us to do. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us of our sins, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us all in peace, as we seek to share the loaves and fishes of grace and abundance with

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others. Hear and believe the good news!

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, sent out to share the abundance of God's grace, and healed of our iniquities.**

### **Deacon's Birthday Celebration**

#### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you

**Many: And also with you**

One: Lift up our hearts

**Many: We lift them up to the Lord**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise**

#### **The 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.**

#### **Anthem**

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

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**Opening Hymn** #464 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

**Closing Hymn** #525 “Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Who shall I send?

**Refrain:**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.  
I will hold, Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They run away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

