Order of Worship for Sunday August 2

Prelude: All Creatures of Our God and King, Molly Ijames

Welcome

Meditation Interlude, James Pethel

Introit. #403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty, vs 1 & 3

Call to Worship (from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,**

**and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Let us worship God.

Prayer

**O God, you are infinite,**

**eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness,**

**full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth.**

**Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed**

**in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn. #463 How Firm a Foundation vs. 1 & 5

Call to Confession

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners

Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,

we dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord

is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy,

who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Sharing Christ’s Peace

Special Music. #498 vs 1,3,4 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Prayers of the People

**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.**

Scripture

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

    come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

    come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

    without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

    and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

    and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

    listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

    my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

    a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

    and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

    for he has glorified you.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:13-23a

**13**Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. **14**When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. **15**When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” **16**Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” **17**They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” **18**And he said, “Bring them here to me.” **19**Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. **20**And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. **21**And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**22**Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23**And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

Sermon Even Jesus Took Some Time

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn. #79 vs. 1 Light Dawns on a Weary World

Benediction

Postlude I Will Arise and Follow Jesus - Mary McDonald