**July 25**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Pulpit

News and announcements

Center

**Candles** are lit while one of you reads:

The light is all around us—a sign of the season for us as northern people.

(*Light the Christ candle.*)

The flame of this Christ candle reminds us of the beauty and presence of the light that paints the sky, bathes the land, and brightens our path. Thanks be to Creator for fire and sun, for flame and symbol, for the light of Christ.

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**Call to Worship**

May grace wash over you as you worship.

**May peace be experienced in all we sing, pray, and reflect on.**

May joy fill you so that you are enlightened by God’s delight.

**May love radiate from every cell, conveying the amazing truth of God’s goodness.**

In hope and gratitude,

**let us worship.**

Let us pray,

**At home, or in a church building, we approach you -**

Creator, Teacher, and Holy Breath by which we live.

**Holy One, enter our hearts, our minds, our bodies.**

Creator God be with us as we worship today.

May we, your beloved people, be ready to act upon God’s call to action.

**Opening Hymn:** **VU 399,** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning O’er Us* **Verses 1, 2 and 5**

Center

**Connecting Time,**

**Reading from Scripture:**

**EPHESIANS 4: 1-8, 11-13 this week reading from the paraphrase, The Message.**

**1-3**In light of all this, here’s what I want you to do. While I’m locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don’t want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don’t want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

**4-6**You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

**7, 8, 11-13**But that doesn’t mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. The text for this is,

He climbed the high mountain, He captured the enemy and seized the plunder, He handed it all out in gifts to the people.

…He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ’s followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ’s body, the church, until we’re all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God’s Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

**15-16**… God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

**Gospel of John 6:1-21 reading from the New Revised Standard Version**

**6**After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2**A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

**3**Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4**Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5**When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” **6**He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7**Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” **8**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, **9**“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” **10**Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11**Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12**When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” **13**So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. **14**When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

**15**When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**16**When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, **17**got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18**The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19**When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. **20**But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” **21**Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pulpit

**Sermon** *Love rejoices in Truth*

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**Hymn: MV 28** *God of the Bible* verses 1, 2 and 5

**Invitation to the Offering**

As we have been loved, so may we love others.

As we have been fed, so may we feed others.

As we have received from God’s hand blessings beyond measure, may we also generously share with one another and with God’s world.

Let us present our offerings.

**DOXOLOGY AGCS #37,** *The Circle of Love*, (Chorus, verse one, Chorus)

Pulpit

**Prayer of the People**

We wait for you, God,

and in your word is our hope.

We wait for you,

more than the watchers long for the morning.

We wait in hope,

knowing that in you there is love unfailing.

We wait with joy,

because you have the power to restore us again.

Come bring us new life. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer (new, tune VU 713)**

**Hymn: VU 298** *When you Walk from Here (3 times through)*

**Commissioning**

Let us go from here, strengthened in our inner being by the Spirit of our living God; through this power, may we bring the message of God’s kingdom to all we meet.

**Blessing Song: MV 224** *May the God of Peace*

Post Service Slides

**Postlude (Colin Boneau)**

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