

We pray for loved ones . . .

Answer them in their time of trouble; protect them from all evil and grant them your heart's desire. By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

Gracious God, continue to pour out your power in the church, in the world, and in our daily lives, so all will know that you are at work among us; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven ...*

**RESPONSE**

**What Is the World Like**

solo, Joshua Allen

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**THERE'S A CHURCH WITHIN US**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, So that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

**HYMN #79**

**LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD**

**BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**  
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here I am; send me!” **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**JUBILATE DEO**

*Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences*

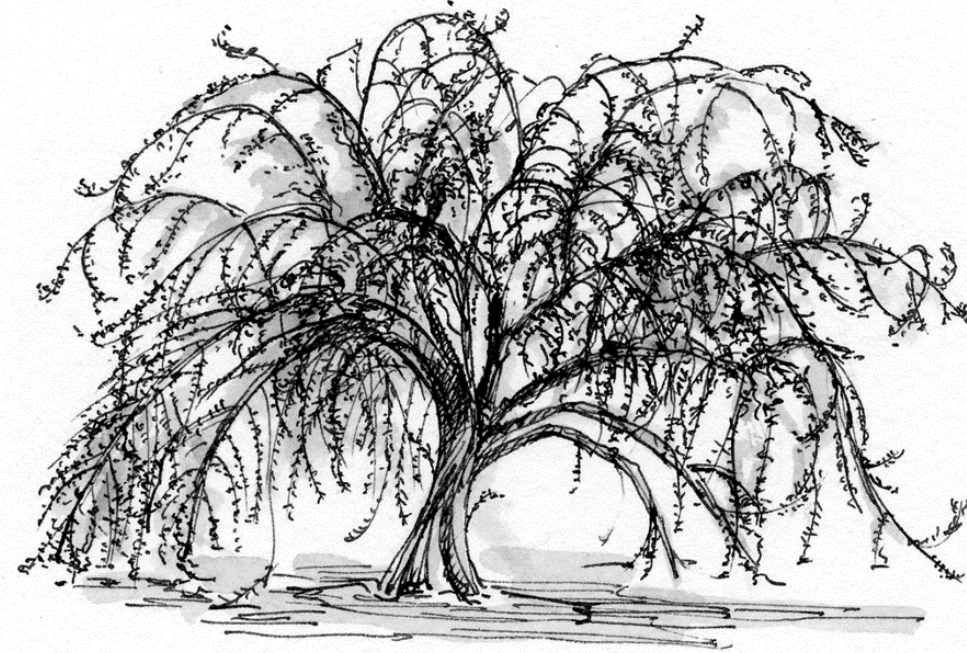
Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor

Joshua Allen.....Music Director



**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 13, 2021**

**Service for the Lord's Day**



— *Gathering* —

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michele R. Goff

**INTROIT**

**DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE**

Joshua Allen

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Liturgist, Kelly Weaver

The God we worship is the giver of life:  
*the One who makes the dry tree green  
and grows a forest from the smallest seed.*  
The God we worship is the giver of life:  
*the One who forms us, names us, loves us,  
and teaches us to share our lives with the world.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #647

GIVE THANKS

## CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,

*forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.*

When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,

*compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.*

When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,

*revive us Lord. Forgive us and compel us.*

For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,

*and through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Thanks be to God.*

— Word —

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10, 14-17

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

*Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

**"Potential"**

## DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

— Response —

## RESPONSE

There's a Church Within Us

Worship Ensemble

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joshua Allen

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we call on the name of the Lord, saying:

By your Spirit, O God, *transform our lives.*

We pray for the church . . .

Teach us to walk by faith and not by sight, with the love of Christ always urging us on until your new creation is revealed. By your Spirit, O God, *transform our lives.*

We pray for the world . . .

Like the mustard seed of Jesus' story, let your grace and peace grow in our world, until all find shade and shelter in your love. By your Spirit, O God, *transform our lives.*

We pray for this community . . .

Raise up new and youthful leaders who will be good shepherds to your sheep, seeking the welfare of all. By your Spirit, O God, *transform our lives.*