Prayers of the People

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Let the Peoples praise you, O God;.

Let all the peoples praise you.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory **Adagio** **Jack Brooks**

***Doxology #607**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

—Sending—

***Hymn #738** **O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude **More Love to Thee, O Christ** **Jack Brooks**

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.

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Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
***Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response*

—Gathering —

Prelude **St. Michael with Tallis Cannon** **Jack Brooks**

Welcome **Liturgist: Carol Scoggins**

***Call to Worship**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***Hymn #720** **Jesus Call Us**

Call to Confession

The apostle Paul says that we are "imprisoned in disobedience," but that God is merciful to all. We live amid the tension of knowing that the Lord is quick to forgive and recognizing that we need to be forgiven. We also live amid the tension of knowing that, through Christ, all things are being made new and recognizing that our broken world needs to be transformed. From the discomfort of this tension, let us offer a prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Paul writes: "I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." God has shown us mercy and God will be merciful to all. Hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ***Amen.***

***Gloria Patri #581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

—Word—

Prayer for Illumination

"Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed." Let us pray.
God of every time and place, may your Spirit move among us so that the words we hear and the words we speak will be to your glory, will lead towards justice, and will reveal to us your salvation and deliverance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 9:1-4** Bible p. 600, Lg p. 775

The Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 4:12-23** Bible p. 3, Lg p. 4

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Gone Fishing** **Evan Dolive**

—Response—

***Hymn #721** **Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

***Affirmation of Faith** (The Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.