

## **Worship Service ~**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,**

**15<sup>st</sup> September, 2024**

**2 John / Mark 6:1-13**

**Prelude**

played by church musician Annie Center,

## **Gathering Together**

**Welcome**

**Please stand with me, if you're able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.**

**Call to Worship**

One: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

**All: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.**

One: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

**Invocation**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom. We can do no good thing without you. But by your grace, in our worship today, you can receive us and work with and in us - that we would faithfully represent you in the world. For the glory of Christ we pray, Amen.

**Opening Hymn      Christ is Our Cornerstone ~ 43**

# Engaging with God Together

## Scripture Reading ~ 2 John

1 The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, 2 because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. 5 And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. 6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. 9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

12 Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

13 The children of your elect sister greet you

*Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ as we pass the peace.*

## Pass the Peace

## Sharing Announcements and Prayer Requests

**In a moment we are going to pray together, but before we do, does anyone have any announcements to share about anything in the life of the church coming up?**

## **Pastoral Prayer** (responsive)

Prayer by pastor

*Various times throughout the prayer the pastor and congregation will respond with the following:*

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

## **Hymn**

**If You But Trust in God ~ 576**

# **Hearing the Word Together**

## **Sermon Passage ~ Mark 6:1-13**

**1** He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2** And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. **4** And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." **5** And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. **6** And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

**7** And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. **8** He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— **9** but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. **10** And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. **11** And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." **12** So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. **13** And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

## **Sermon ~**

*Rev. Jonny Finlayson*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

# Responding to the Word Together

**Call to Serve**

**A Time for Reflection**

Played by church musician Annie Center,

**Hymn**

**Take My Life ~ 389 (V1,3,5,6)**

**Benediction**

Short prayer by pastor

**Postlude**

played by church musician Annie Center,

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