

Worship for July 25
9th Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who hunger for food.

Worship the Lord who turns wants into plenty.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

Worship the Lord who turns weeping into laughter.

Come, you who hunger for life.

Worship the Lord who is our hope and our strength.

(Call to Worship Vol. 54.1)

OPENING MUSIC – *Song Without Words in A Major*, F. Mendelssohn
Michael Parker

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the crowds surrounded you, O Lord, hungry for bread and your word, you transformed five loaves & two fish into a feast. Even still, we confess that we often doubt the abundance of your grace. We are hesitant to share the resources you entrust to our care. Forgive us, O God, and make us a more generous people. Help us to practice generosity with our money, our mindsets, and our lives. (silent prayers)

(adapted from Call to Worship 54.1)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN – *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*, Hymn 509

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 6:1-14

Feeding the Five Thousand

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."

SERMON – "No Spectators"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM – *Blessed Assurance*, arr. Mark Hayes Michael Parker, piano

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN – *The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny*, Hymn 335

BENEDICTION