

## Worship for July 4

### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

Why do we come to worship God?

**We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.**

What is this blessing that we seek?

**We seek an encounter with our God,  
who washes us in mercy, calls us to service, and fills us with love.**

Let us worship God together!

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### **OPENING MUSIC – Trinity, Jim Boren Hindsight**

### **SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world: when we choose selfishness over compassion; what feels comfortable rather than what is right; when we strive for success instead of faithfulness; when we value independence over community. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.**

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

### **HYMN - *Will You Come and Follow Me*, Hymn 726 verses 1,2,5 Congregation**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**And also with you.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## SPECIAL MUSIC – *Seek Direction*, Jim Boren Hindsight

**SERMON – “Overcoming the Resistance”**  
Rev. Scott Lawson

**ANTHEM – *Wayfaring Stranger*, John Wyeth**  
Hindsight

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**HYMN – *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*, Hymn 338**  
Congregation

**BENEDICTION**