



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2023

10:00 am

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### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

**Words to hymns will not be printed in the bulletin. They will be on the screen. If you wish, hymnals are available.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP\* (from Psalm 100)

*Worship the Lord with gladness!*

**We come into God's presence with singing.**

*For the Lord our God is good.*

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

HYMN\*                      "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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### PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION (UNISON)

**O God, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified. Send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sin. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us and wipe sin from our lives. Let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**(silence)**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]*

RESPONSE TO PARDON\*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.**

# THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

EPISTLE – Romans 6:1b-11

Emmanuel Frimpong

SPECIAL MUSIC

Genne Gwynn and Flo Bishop

*“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”*

GOSPEL\* – Matthew 10:24-39 (selected verses)

SERMON

*“Don’t Be Afraid?”*

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE\* *(from A Declaration of Faith)*

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to God’s kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who 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.**

HYMN\*

*“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

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CHARGE AND BLESSING\*

## CHORAL RESPONSE\*

**Go with God, Go with God  
As you leave this place, go with God.  
God will direct your way,  
God will light every day.  
As you leave this place, go with God.**

*Isaiah Jones, Jr. Used by permission.*

POSTLUDE *(please remain seated)*

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN *(everyone is invited!)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Monday night drive through dinners continue to serve the community's food insecure folks. If you would like to help out on Mondays or make a donation to continue this ministry, please let the church office know.

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm, Asbury United Methodist Church - NAACP Religious Affairs Committee Monthly Conversation - "How the Faith Community can be the Bridge." If you are interested in discussing with others in our community who want to work toward anti-racism, please come. It is a share-a-salad pot luck.

There are no committee or Session meetings during the month of July.