HYMN NOTES:
“Seek Ye First” (175)
The first stanza of this “biblical song” was composed in 1971 by Karen Lafferty (b. 1948). It won immediate popularity among youth and young adult groups and soon became a standard song of the “Jesus movement” whose music came to be known as “Contemporary Christian.” Lafferty wrote the hymn after attending a Bible study where “Seek ye first the kingdom of God” (Matthew 6:33) was studied. When she returned home she composed the melody for the stanzas on her guitar. Stanzas two and three in our hymnal are of anonymous origin. Here we have an example of a folktune of the 1970’s becoming a mainstream hymn published in dozens of hymnals—helped to that end because of the singable melody and biblically based theology.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds—1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Jane Winne.

1st-5th Grade, Room 8 & 10
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to rooms 8 & 10 with Justine Ruisz.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class—TCI Class is on hiatus. Have a joyful and restful summer and plan to return with us on September 10. We’ll have more lively but respectful discussions of contemporary issues and their affect on our faith journey. As always, we’ll have cookies and coffee.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

Welcome To
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11th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: People look at the outward appearance, People: But the LORD looks at the heart.
Leader: With humble and trusting hearts, let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ”   arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION– Chancel Choir
Vickie Mills

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”   ST. DENIO

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Lord God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives, or recognize you as its source. Forgive the walls we build with bricks made out of the harden of our heart, walls which keep us from receiving and sharing your love. Forgive us for failing to notice how much you truly care for us. In your mercy make our hearts soft and pliable to draw close to you and to be transformed by your love and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581   GLORIA PATRI
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.

SOLO
(see the hymn at #741)   Barbara Jordan, Soloist

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
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WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“In Thee Is Gladness”   arr. David Cherwien

*A DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN #175 “Seek Ye First”   LAFFERTY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON
“Begin with the End in Mind”   Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #694 “Great God of Every Blessing”   AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING (please be seated)
“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”   Robert A. Hobby
Barbara Jordan, Soloist
The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.
Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.

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*HYMN #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“O Day of Peace”   arr. Charles Callahan
(based on the tune JERUSALEM, and the hymn at #373)
(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG
“Soul On Fire”
PRAYER
“Whom Shall I Fear”
MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSION– Chancel Choir, Vickie Mills

VIDEO: “Man on the Street– Questions for God”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“My Savior, My God”

SCRIPTURE
Luke 18:18-27

MESSAGE
“Begin with the End in Mind”   Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Your Grace Is Enough”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU