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Order for the Public Worship of God
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8th Sunday after Pentecost
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WE GATHER
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please turn off cell phones.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Carrillon de Westminster”
Louis Vierne
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service.)

*HYMN #339
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
CWMTOWNDA

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Remind us again, O Lord, about your salvation story for we are short-sighted and self-centered. Give us the will to pause and reflect on your saving ways with fallible and ick human beings. Help us to remember the testimony of generations who have gone before us—how low and again, when we have hardened our hearts and disobeyed your commands and demanded you serve us on your terms, you have been faithful still to forgive us and extend to us grace upon grace. Have compassion on us this day, Dear Lord. Gather us up as your children and bring us into your loving embrace again, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
“Glory 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
“Sometimes a Light Surprises”
arr. Craig Courtney
Liana Stephen, Soprano

FAITH SHARING 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
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Martha Sobaje

*DOXOLOGY—#544
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
WE HEAR THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READING
(Exodus 16:4-5, 13-15, 31-35 (NRSV))

HYMN #250
“Break Thou the Bread of Life”
BREAD OF LIFE

(Please remain seated.)

SCRIPTURE READING
(John 6:25-40 (NRSV))

SERMON SERIES
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Glimpses of Jesus #1- “I Am the Bread of Life”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE
*HYMN
“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
AZMON

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke; but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near and seek where You are found;

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

—Henry Alford, 1844, alt., public domain

*BENEDICTION
CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
John Barr

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Hoffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.