13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Matt Limbaugh

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introit

†CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 30

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Sing praises to the Lord, and give thanks to his holy name.

All: He has turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with

joy.

One: May our souls praise him and not be silent.

All: O Lord, we will give thanks to you forever.

One: Sing praises to the Lord, and give thanks to his holy name

All: Let us worship the Lord!

† HYMN OF PRAISE From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and have strayed from living in accord with your will. Instead, we live according to our own will and cloak it in your holy name. We live in ways that are not consistent with the people you call us to be. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our lack of faith; and renew our trust in you, that we might live out our calling as disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

♦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Psalm 130

#609

One: If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand?

All: But with God there is forgiveness.

One: Christ gives us peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

†RESPONSE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known
Creator, Word, and Spirit one
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 17:1-12a,14 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

p. 13 OT

ANTHEM

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own That I left, that I lost, so long ago All these years I have wandered, oh, when will I know There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home

After wind, after rain when the dark is done As I wake from a dream in the gold of day Through the air there's a calling from far away There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call With the love in your heart as the only song There is no such beauty as where you belong Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 15:1-35

p. 134 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Belhar Confession (1986)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ, a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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.

The Church's One Foundation ♦HYMN OF SENDING #321, vv. 1,2,4

†BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise arr. Mark Hayes