Worship Outline – July 26, 2020 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in D Major Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Rise Up, O Men of God

UTK Men's Chorale Andrew Skoog, conductor

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn Be Thou My Vision SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of Confession

God of Love, you draw us to yourself even when we turn away from you. Your love reaches out to embrace us, wherever we are, whatever we do. For such love we offer our deepest thanks. Yet we confess that we have not loved you as you have loved us. We have taken credit for the gifts you have so generously given us; we have turned away people in need; we have allowed our pettiness to divide us and the conflict we have with others to separate us. Forgive us, Lord, and empower us to love you with all our heart, mind, and soul – and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

First Reading Romans 8:26-39

Anthem Sing Gently (Eric Whitacre)

Eric Whitacre's Virtual Choir

May we sing together, always.

May our voice be soft.

May our singing be music for others

And may it keep others aloft.

Sing gently, always. Sing gently as one.

May we stand together, always.

May our voice be strong.

May we hear the singing and

May we always sing along.

Sing gently, always. Sing gently as one. **Second Reading**

Genesis 29:15-30

Homily Sarah Morgan

Affirmation of Faith – *from* The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Abide With Me

arr. Joshua Evanovich

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in D Major

by Buxtehude