

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

## GATHERING

### \*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus has given us a new commandment:

P: **We are commanded to love one another.**

L: Just as Christ has loved us,

P: **So we ought to have love for one another.**

L: By this, everyone will know we are Christians:

P: **By our love for one another.**

L: Come, let us join our hearts in worship.

### \*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *“Rattle”*

### \*SONG OF PRAISE *“King of My Heart”*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

ALL: Holy God, we come together to worship,  
as a people who would like to think that we love you  
with all our hearts and souls,  
with all our might,

but there are so many other things in our lives  
that call out for our attention  
that we often push you to just Sunday mornings  
and times when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one  
in whom we live and move and have our being.  
We really do want to hear your voice  
above all of the other voices in our lives.  
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.  
We forget who we are.  
We forget who you are.  
We forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, before you today,  
with our human weaknesses and shortcomings,  
and our short attention spans,

asking that you would make yourself known to us,  
that you would help us to recognize  
the presence of the Holy,  
that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us,  
and make us into the people you want us to be.  
Amen.

## OBSERVE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

With an outstretched hand, and an open heart, I invite you to greet one another at a distance saying to each other, “The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**”

## A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON                      John 13:31-35

## THE BASICS OF OUR FAITH VIDEO

Rev. Mike Sluder, Director of Connectional Ministries and Conference Secretary of  
Global Missions with the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON                      Mark 12:28-34

WITNESS TO THE WORD                      *Celebrating Our Missions*

*Ella Stilwell  
Lila Crosswell  
Emily Montgomery*

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO HINTON NC VIDEO

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Epworth Children’s Home Give “Backpack” Mission today. Make your check out to “Epworth,”  
or “Backpack mission.”

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      *“Reckless Love”*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE                      *“Battle Belongs”*

## \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*Please stand as you are able