

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## GATHERING

### \*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jas 3, Mark 9

L: The first shall be last.

P: We come to worship as we are.

L: The last shall be first.

P: We come with confidence.

L: The first shall be last.

P: We come with questions.

L: The last shall be first.

P: We come burdened by failure.

L: The first shall be last.

P: We come celebrating success.

L: The last shall be first.

P: We come fearful of the future.

L: The first shall be last and the last shall be first and a little child shall lead them all.

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE      *"Angel Armies"*

\*SONG OF PRAISE      *"Made to Worship"*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON):

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a      The Message

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      Mark 9:30-37      NLT

## WITNESS TO THE WORD

*"Who Is the Greatest?"*

Pastor Jim

OFFERTORY      \*As you come to the altar to give your tithes and offerings, take a communion cup with you back to your seat.

\*SONG OF PRAISE      *"How Great Thou Art"*

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

### THE INVITATION

### CONFESSION AND PARDON (RESPONSIVE):

L: O God, we live our lives as best we can—

P: dealing with difficult relationships and situations,

L: putting failures and disappointments behind us,

P: and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster.

L: But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers,

P: we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead.

L: Forgive us for not asking for your insight.

P: Fill us with your wisdom,

L: that we may live lives

ALL: of goodness and peace. Amen.

— (please take a moment to offer prayers of confession to God in silence) —

### Words of Assurance:

L: Hear the good news: When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God!

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

### PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BREAKING THE BREAD

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

\*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE      *"Mighty to Save"*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*Please stand as you are able