



July 16, 2023  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**

*Various Melodies*

Ricky Francese

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michael Droege

**PSALTER**

Liturgist, Kendal MacTaggart

Your word is the light of our path. We come to follow you, O Lord. In this place we come to sing and shout joys to you!

**OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, we have been damaged by the paths we have chosen for ourselves. Give us life! May our lips constantly worship your name. May our hands always be holding yours. We no longer want to be separated from you by our own doing. Hold us in your love and grace that our lives follow your ways all of our days. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

**HYMN**

*How Great is Our God*

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**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE** The family of Inge Ginter • The family of Florence Powley mother of Carolyn Musacchio • Bob Balcerski • Joe Higgins • Ruth Allen • Betty Jean Aldrich • Barbara Diem

**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**

**DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF GRATITUDE****SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” So, all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

“I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be 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.**

**SERMON***How Long Can You Wait?*

Matthew May

**ANTHEM***What the World Needs Now*

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Various Melodies*

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