

MATTHEW 10:40  
— NRSV —

WHOEVER  
WELCOMES  
ME  
WELCOMES  
THE  
ONE  
WHO  
SENT  
ME.

# 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 28, 2020

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Be Thou But Near*  
Helen Redding

J.S. Bach

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Leader: God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

**People:** *We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Leader: Let us pray. Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure.

**People:** *Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.*

### MUSIC

*Elijah Rock*  
Madison Academic Ensemble | Lindsey Patterson, Director

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## TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Patient Lord, we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out. We make judgments about others based on their appearance and other surface factors, and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence. That lack of welcome extends further when we see needs that must be addressed and choose to turn our backs. We turn away from the pain and suffering, protecting our own lives. Yet you remind us that as we welcome others, so we are also welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ.

Be at peace, for you have been freed from sin that you may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God.

## THE WORD

MUSIC	<i>I Love You, Lord</i> Helen Redding	Klein
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN		<i>Libby Smith</i>
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		<i>Rev. Courtney Bowen</i>
MUSIC	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i> Helen Redding	Medema
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		<i>Rev. Courtney Bowen</i>
OLD TESTAMENT READING	<i>Genesis 22:1-14</i>	<i>Rev. Courtney Bowen</i>
NEW TESTAMENT READING	<i>Matthew 10:40-42</i>	<i>Rev. Courtney Bowen</i>
SERMON	<i>"Welcoming in the Name of God"</i>	<i>Rev. Courtney Bowen</i>

## RESPONSE

ANTHEM	<i>Precious Lord</i> Madison Academic Ensemble   Lindsey Patterson, Director	Sevier
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>(From "The Confession of 1967")</i>	<i>Rev. Courtney Bowen</i>
<i>The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.</i>		
<i>The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.</i>		
<i>The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.</i>		
<i>Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.</i>		

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OFFERTORY**

*Siciliano*  
Helen Redding

J.S. Bach

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Helen Redding

African American Spiritual

**SENDING**

**CHARGE**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*God Still Lives*  
Helen Redding

J.S. Bach

