June 23, 2019
Second Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian church.

GATHERING

Prelude
"Fugue in C Major"        G.F. Handel
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles
Presentation of God’s Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.
If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship
Leader: Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
People: May we be bound with love.
Leader: To bind, to be bound, to be bound with so many competing demands and expectations
People: May we be bound with love.
Leader: Bound now, bound forever.
People: May we be bound with love.

* Choral Benediction
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
Go with you each hour of every day.
Go in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

* Postlude
“Psalm XIX”        B. Marcello

* Members of the congregation stand if able.

Altar flowers are provided in appreciation of Kurt and Nancy Landerholm.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.

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Prayer (unison)
Lord, you have shown us the more excellent way as you have called us to love one another. May we be marked as those who love You and love one another. Through Christ, Amen.

Opening Hymn 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BEECHER

Anthem
9:00 Vacation Bible School Children
11:00 G.O.D. Camp Children

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading New Testament page 693 Matthew 15:21-28
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “History Follows Us Around” James Cherian

Hymn 389 “Freely, Freely” FREELY, FREELY

Confession and Pardon
Leader: God of all people, Our faith is weak. Our egos are strong.
People: Forgive us.
Leader: Our energy is low. Our patience is short.
People: Have mercy on us.
Leader: Our prejudices are real. Our compassion is limited.
People: Heal us.

Hymn 549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” ST. PETER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Doxology UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

Hymn 383 vs. 1-4 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” BEGINNINGS