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**August 2, 2020**

**MUSIC**

**WELCOME TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sisters and brothers rejoice. Jesus is in our midst.

**All: Feed us Jesus, and fill us with hope.**

One: Be glad friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

**All: Jesus, by faith, you live in our hearts and ground us in love.**

One: Sing for joy, people of God.

God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

**All: Let us rejoice and worship God.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**All:** **Lord, we come to you this day in the midst of our summer months. For**

**many this is a time of relaxation; but for others, the burdens, worries,**

**and cares continue to weigh them down. Be with each of us as we**

**open our ears to hear your words, our hearts to feel your presence,**

**and our spirits to receive your healing touch. In Jesus’ name, we pray.**

**Amen.**

**PLAYING OF HYMN #35** *“Morning Has Broken”*

**A TIME OF CONFESSION**

**All: Gracious Lord, we are filled with a mixture of feelings today. Some of us are rejoicing in the wonderful time of rest and relaxation; while others continue to seek relief from the burdens and worries that they bear. All of us stand in need of your refreshing and nourishing love and forgiveness. You know how many times we have turned our backs on those in need; we have been too busy, to preoccupied with our own problems. Cause us to turn around and see instances in which we can be of help and comfort to someone else. Give us strength and courage to truly be your loving disciples in the ways in which we care for others. Forgive us when we stray from the paths of righteousness and peace. Hear now our silent confessions.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One:Feel God’s healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you. This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE!**

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

Matthew 14:13-21

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Vicki Troxell**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE** *“More Than Enough”*Bruce Roth & Pastor Kaye

**PLAYING OF HYMN #108** *“There’s Something About That Name”*

**OFFERING –** Today’s Gospel story of the feeding of the 5000, reminds us that our God is a God of abundance.  Remembering that, I invite you at this time to consider ways to express your thankfulness for all that God provides by giving of your time and talents in new ways in this time. I also ask you to consider how you will offer your tithes and offerings to support the ministry of our church at this time as well – some options are: on-line giving available through our website or your smartphone, mail check in weekly or set aside your offering each week and mail it in monthly. Thank you.

**PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (debts & debtors)

**PLAYING OF HYMN #716** *“God Be With You”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Go in peace, knowing that God will always be by your side in all that you do.

Go in love, offering healing and hope to others.

Go in joy, that others may be lifted and inspired in service. Amen.

**\*THREE FOLD AMEN** *(played by Lisa)*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\* Portions of this worship service were adapted from “Ministry Matters/Worship Connection”, “Reworship”.*