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The Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost

This season ends on August 27.

**9:45 *Gathering and Songs of Praise***

***"Lord Reign in Me"***

Over all the earth You reign on high Every mountain  
stream every sunset sky But my one request Lord my  
only aim Is that You reign in me again

Lord reign in me reign in Your power Over all my  
dreams in my darkest hour You are the Lord of all I am

So won't you reign in me again

Over every thought over every word

May my life reflect the beauty of your word

'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again Brenton Brown@1998.

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***"Creation Calls"***

I have felt the wind blow Whispering Your name  
I have seen Your tears fall When I watch the rain  
How could I say there is no God When all around  
creation calls A singing bird a mighty tree The vast  
expanse of open sea

Gazing at a bird in flight Soaring through the air Lying  
down beneath the stars I feel Your presence there

I love to stand at ocean's shore

And feel the thund'ring breakers roar To walk through  
golden fields of grain 'Neath endless blue horizon's  
frame

List'ning to a river run

Watering the earth

The fragrance of a rose in bloom A newborn's cry at  
birth

I believe I believe I believe

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***"We Are Called"***

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
called to be light to the kingdom To live in the freedom  
of the City of God

We are called to act with justice, We are called to love  
tenderly, We are called to serve on another, To walk  
humbly with God.

Come! Open your hearts!

Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to  
be hope for the hopeless So hatred and blindness will  
be no more!

We are called to act with justice, We are called to love  
tenderly, We are called to serve on another, To walk  
humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day Sing of  
that great day when all will be one! God will reign,  
and we walk with each other As sisters and brothers  
united in love!

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To walk humbly with God. 1988 GIA Publication, Inc  
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**10:00 Welcome  
Call to Worship**

L: We gather, centered in the promises of God,

P: Caught in the web of grace,

L: Whirled in wonder and joy,

P: Welcomed into the house of blessing.

L: We gather, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

P: Lifted up by stories of faith,

L: Moved by challenging words and heartfelt prayers,

P: Touched by joyous music and the power of God's  
love

**\*Hymn: "Pass It On" 572**

Verse 1

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone  
You want to pass it on

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing  
The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found

You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

**\*Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for the high calling  
in Christ Jesus to be your people.

We praise you for the privilege of embodying  
your life of love, forgiveness and justice to the world.

We gladly receive the responsibility to be salt and  
light, knowing that we will often fail to live up to  
who you have called us to be,

but thankful nonetheless for the opportunity  
to respond to your mercy in our lives.

Arouse within us, we pray, such joy  
in serving you and others,  
such compassion for the friendless and downcast,  
and such empathic indignation  
at the plight of the abused, exploited and stigmatized  
that we cannot remain silent,  
will not remain uninvolved  
and will not accept life as usual.

Convict us in our comfort and inspire us

to a new vision of what it means  
to bear witness to your kingdom  
and to salt this world  
with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**\*Sharing the Peace - "The Family of God"**  
I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed  
by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family,  
The Family of God.

**Proclamation and Response**

**The New Testament: Hebrews 12:1-2**

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a  
great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything  
that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And  
let us run with perseverance the race marked out for  
us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and  
perfector of faith. For the joy set before him he  
endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down  
at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Praise Team: "Lord I Need You"**

Lord I come, I confess

Bowing here, I find my rest

Without You, I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh I need You Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are And where You are, Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh I need You Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You Jesus,  
You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh I need You Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

**\*Glory Be to the Father**

**The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

49 "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. 52 From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." 54 He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. 55 And

when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. 56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

## **Sermon: "Spark of Divinity"**

### **Meditative Interlude**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Offering - Doxology**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Sending Forth**

#### **Closing Hymn: "Rejoice in God's Saints"**

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
Their depth of adoring, Lord, Help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
Our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saint forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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### **\*The Blessing Response:**

#### **Response: "Trees of the Field"**

You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy