

9th Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021 9:30am

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Gathering and Welcome

\*Call to Worship

One: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain.

**All: Knowing that when our spirits have grown cold, God rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

One: We gather as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life.

**All: Knowing that while friends may turn against us, God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.**

One: We gather as God's people, hungering for healing and hope.

**All: Knowing that even when life is no picnic, God prepares a feast for us.**

\*Opening Hymn                      "I Come with Joy"                      No. 617

\*Opening Prayer

**Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

\*Hymn of Preparation                      "Stand By Me"                      No. 512

Scripture Reading                      2 Samuel 11:1-15

Sermon                      David and Bathsheba Part 1                      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn                      "To God Be the Glory"                      No. 98

Thank You

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**