

13th Sunday After Pentecost August 22, 2021 9:30 am

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Gathering and Welcome

\*Call to Worship

One: O Lord, you have searched us and know us, you discern our thoughts from far away. You search out our path and are acquainted with all of our ways.

**All: Where can we go from you Spirit? Or where can we flee from your presence? Your hand shall lead us and your right hand shall hold us fast.**

One: For it was you who formed our inward parts, you knit us together in our mothers' womb. Our frame was not hidden from you when we were being made in secret. Your eyes beheld our unformed substance.

**All: We praise you for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.**

One: How weighty to us are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them? We come to the end. We are still with you.

**All: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn      "This is a Day the Lord has Made"      No. 657

\*Opening Prayer

**Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading      Ephesians 6:10-20

\*Hymn of Preparation      "The Spirit Song"      No. 347

Scripture Reading      John 6:56-69

Sermon      Sometimes the Message is Difficult      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

\*Blessing and Benediction

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